



WP4 : Beam instrumentation, characterization and dosimetry

GSI, 20.04.2023

Knowledge Transfer Meeting

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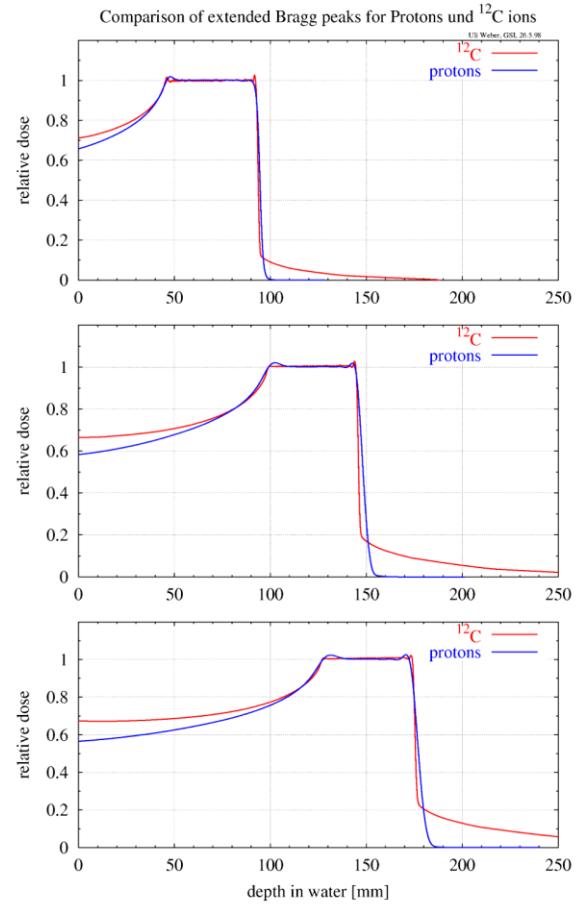
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Agenda

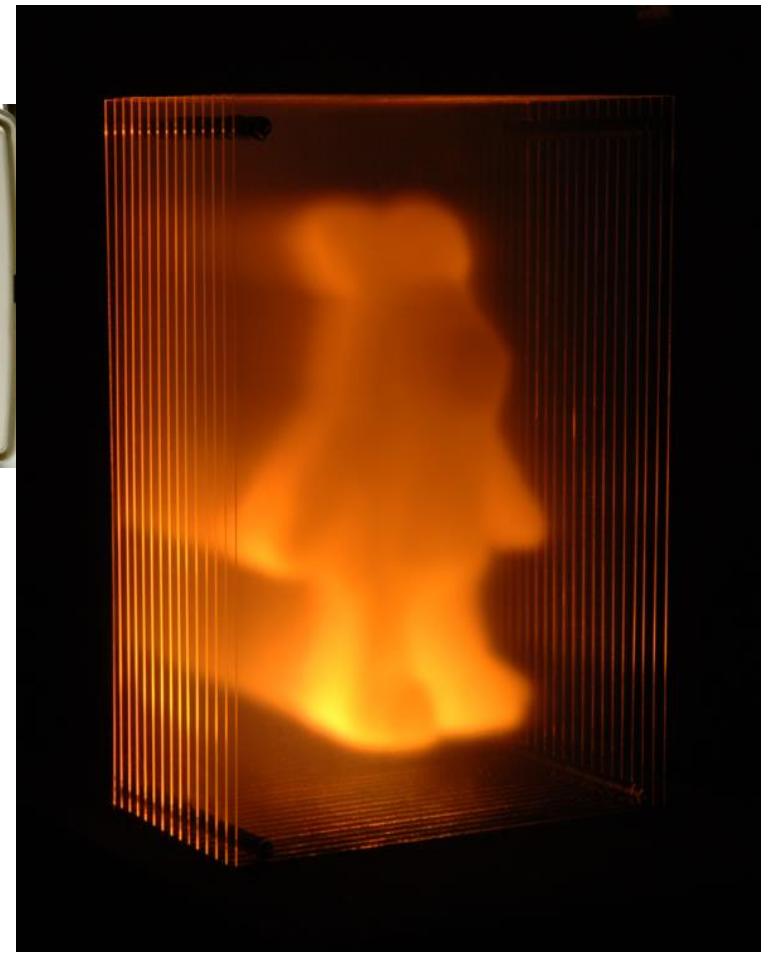
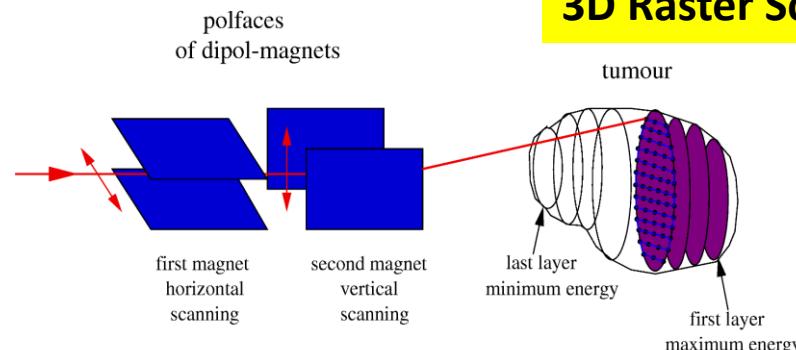
09:30 → 10:00	Welcome and Introduction	13:20 → 14:00	Visit Cave A
10:00 → 10:30	Definition of Terms and discussion for goals and precision	14:00 → 14:45	CERN concept for dosimetry
10:30 → 11:00	Raster-scanning beam application at GSI	14:45 → 15:00	Coffee break
11:00 → 11:10		15:00 → 15:30	University Oldenburg contribution
11:10 → 11:30	Concept for dosimetry with raster scanning at GSI Including: Correction factor for HZE-particle and the MC-approach	15:30 → 16:10	First Discussion: How to make CERN and GSI dosimetry comparable? First ideas for an dosimetry benchmark experiment (which field, ions, etc.)
11:30 → 12:30	Existing Instrumentation for beam monitoring and dosimetry at GSI: Presentation and hands-on	16:10 → 16:40	Next steps
12:30 → 13:20	Lunchbreak	16:40 → 17:00	Closing

GSI Biophysics: Preparation for Carbon Ion beam therapy project (1995)

Animal experiment in Cave A, first time ,good dosimetry'

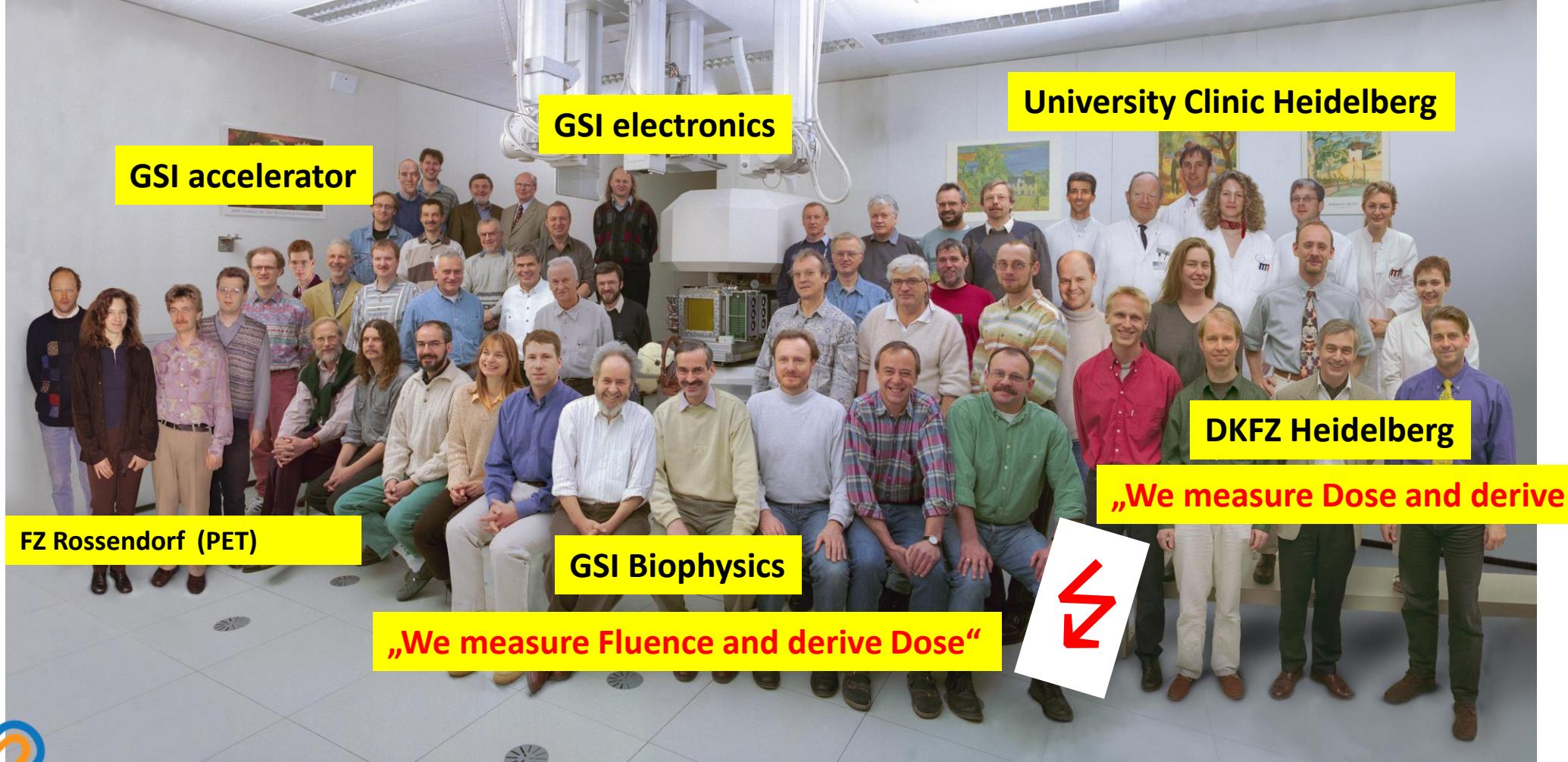


3D Raster Scanning

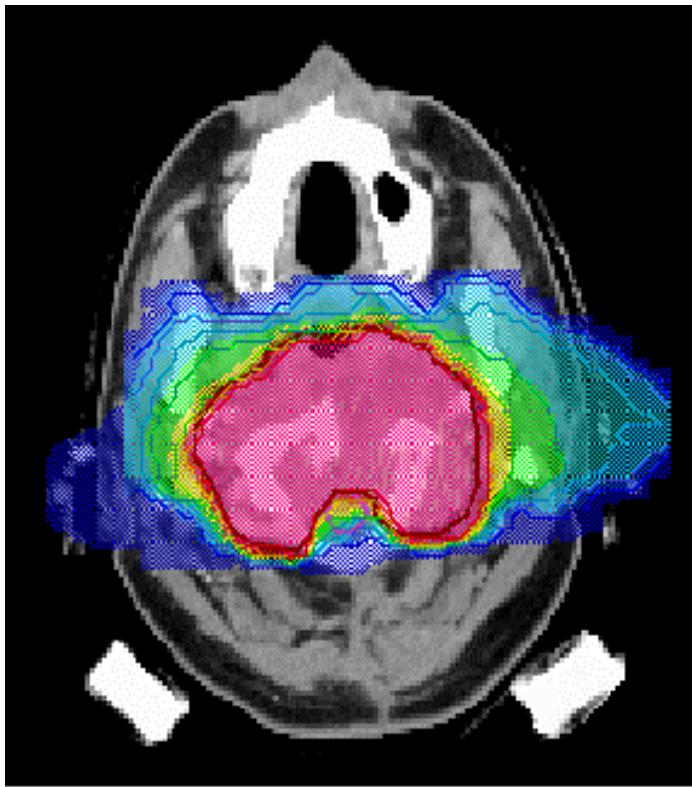


Preparation for Carbon Ion beam therapy project (1997):

A big team from GSI , Forschungsz. Rossendorf , Heidelberg University Clinic and DKFZ



GSI Biophysics: Carbon Ion beam therapy project (1997 - 2008)



- 440 patients in 11 years
- Brain tumours
- Clinically very successful



before treatment



6 Weeks after carbon treatment
with a dose of 60 Gy

GSI Biophysics: Long history of beam application by raster scanning, precise dosimetry and beam characterisation

- Raster Scanning beam application
- Precise 3D dose application for ion beam therapy
- Dedicated beam monitoring detectors
- ➔ Good infrastructure for radio biology and radiation hardness experiments



Setup: Preclinical irradiations (mice) for carbon FLASH experiments (2023)



Setup and patient positioned on a treatment table for Carbon Ion Therapy (Photo from late 90s)



Setup:
Radiation tests for the AMS spectrometer (ISS) at GSI, CaveA

Definition of Terms and discussion for goals and precision

Dosimetry in Radio Therapy

Medical radiation dosimetry involves measurement, calculation, and assessment of the quantity and quality of ionizing radiation exposed to and attenuated by the human body

Absorbed dose D is a dose quantity which is the measure of the energy E deposited in matter by ionizing radiation per unit mass.

Accuracy: $\pm 3\%$
(not for RBE)

Dose : $\Delta E / \Delta m = \Delta E / (\Delta V \rho)$ **Unit** : Gy = J / kg ; ✓ **Applicable for HEARTS**

Dose rate: dD / dt **Unit** : Gy/s

Radiation Protection (Equivalent Dose)
with weighting factors

$$H_T = \sum_R W_R \cdot D_{T,R}$$

Biologically equivalent dose (RBW) : [GyE] or [Gy biol. equ.] ;

RBE protons := 1.1 ; Carbons: typ 1.1 – 3.0



„Dosimetry“ (WP4) for Hearts

Broader Meaning: „Characterisation of the radiation field“

Absorbed dose D as defined in clinic Dose , absorbed energy E per mass

- absolute Dose : $D = \Delta E / \Delta m = \Delta E / (\Delta V \rho)$ [Gy = J / kg] ;
 - relative Dose (distribution) : $D(x,y,z) \sim D_{\text{absolute}}(x,y,z)$, but less precision in the absolute value (e.g. film measurements, Octavius)
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Particles / area : Fluence Φ or F

- Fluence : $\Phi = \text{ions} / \text{area}$ [1 / cm²] , is always a mean value (statistical hits)
 - Fluence distribution : $\Phi(x,y,z)$ (e.g. in the pencil beam or scattered beam)
 - Flux (particle flux) : $J = \text{ions} / (\text{area} \times \text{time})$ [1 / (cm²/s)]
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Energy spectra

- Spectra: $dN/dE (Z_i, E)$; Z_i different species in a mixed field; relevant for **GCR spectrum**
- Double differential spectra: $d^2N/(dE d\theta) (Z_i, E)$; relevant for strongly scattered fields
- Lineal spectra micro dosimetry: $lineal\ energy\ y [eV/\mu m]$ dE/dL energy (one event, *mean chord length*, random intersection)

Definition of Terms and discussion for goals and precision

„Dosimetry“ (WP4) for Hearts



Referenz Conditions for Dose measurement (proposal)

Accuracy:

Dose accuracy: $\pm 5\%$ (at normal intensities)

Fluence accuracy: $\pm 5-10\%$? (depending on the conditions)

Fixed correlation Dose to Fluence:

$$D = \Phi \times \frac{dE}{dx} \times \frac{1}{\rho}$$

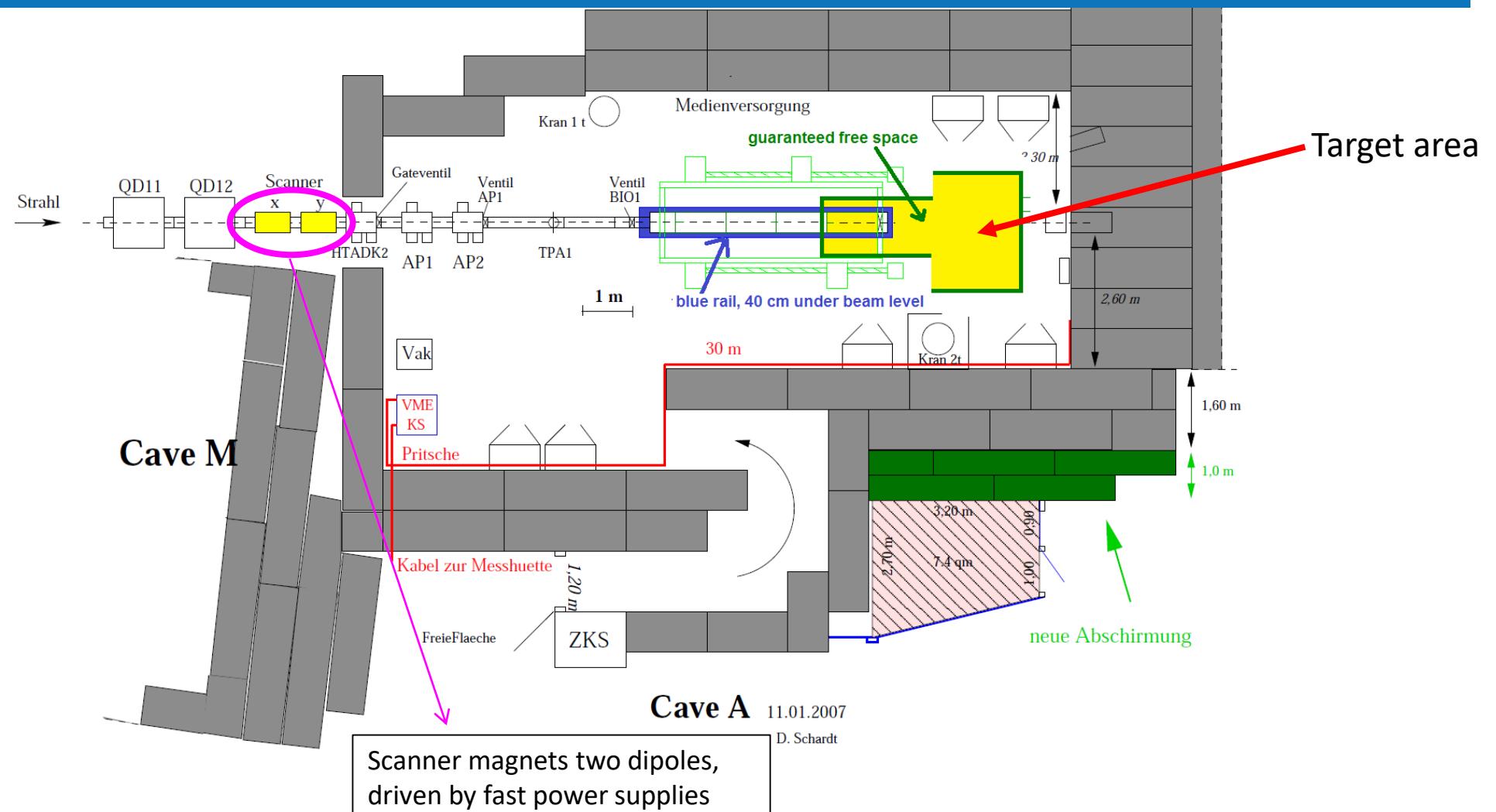
$$\text{Dosis [Gy]} = 1.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ dE/dx [MeV/cm]} \times \Phi [1/\text{cm}^2] / \rho [\text{g/cm}^3]$$

Reference condition	Size/ condition
Depth of measurement	$z = 0.5-1.0 \text{ cm}$ in plastic
Size of field	min. $8 \times 8 \text{ cm}^2$
Phantom	PMMA or RW3
Homogeneity of lateral distribution	< 3%
Position	Iso-centre resp. room reference point

(these settings should be also used for beam monitor calibration)



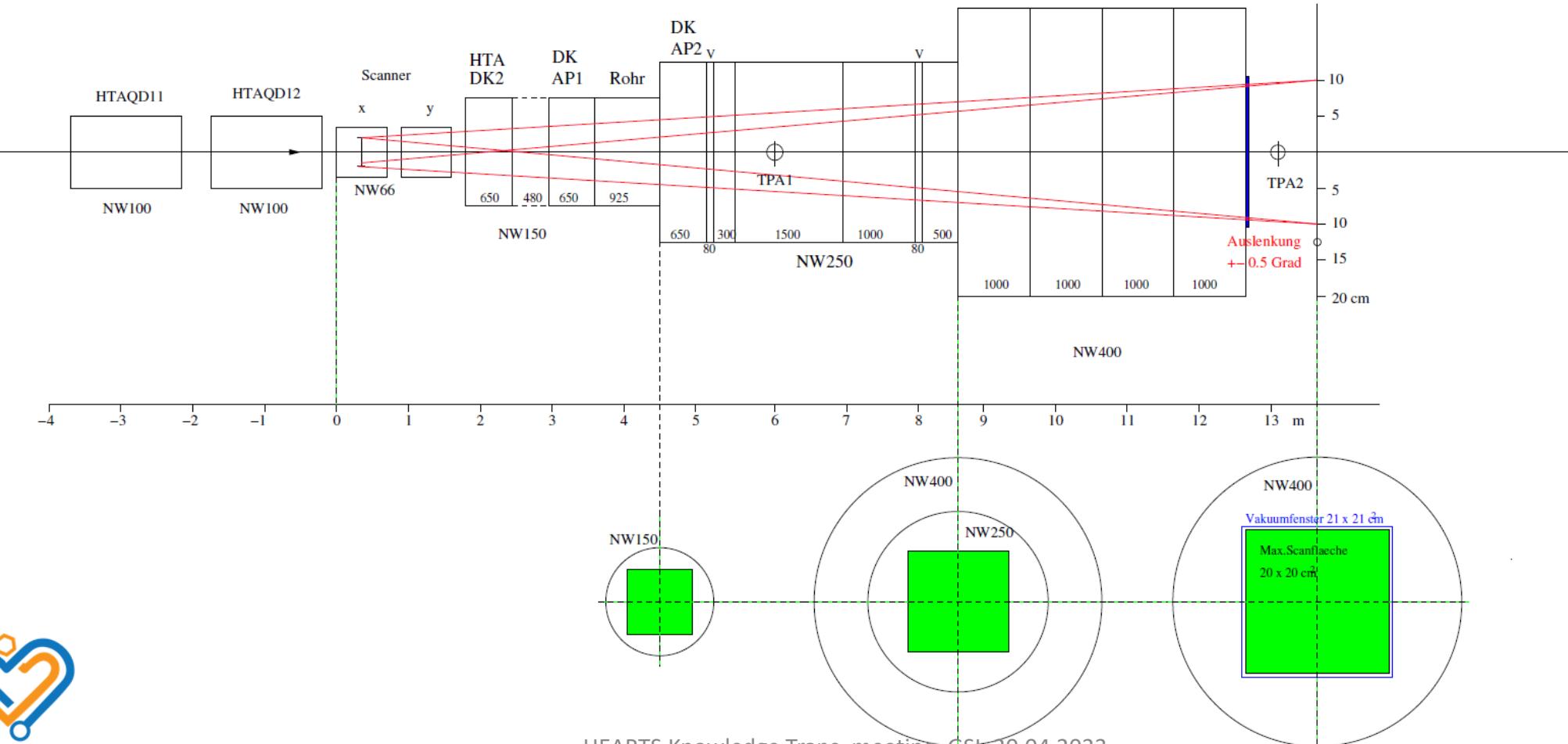
Raster-scanning beam application at GSI (Cave A foot print)



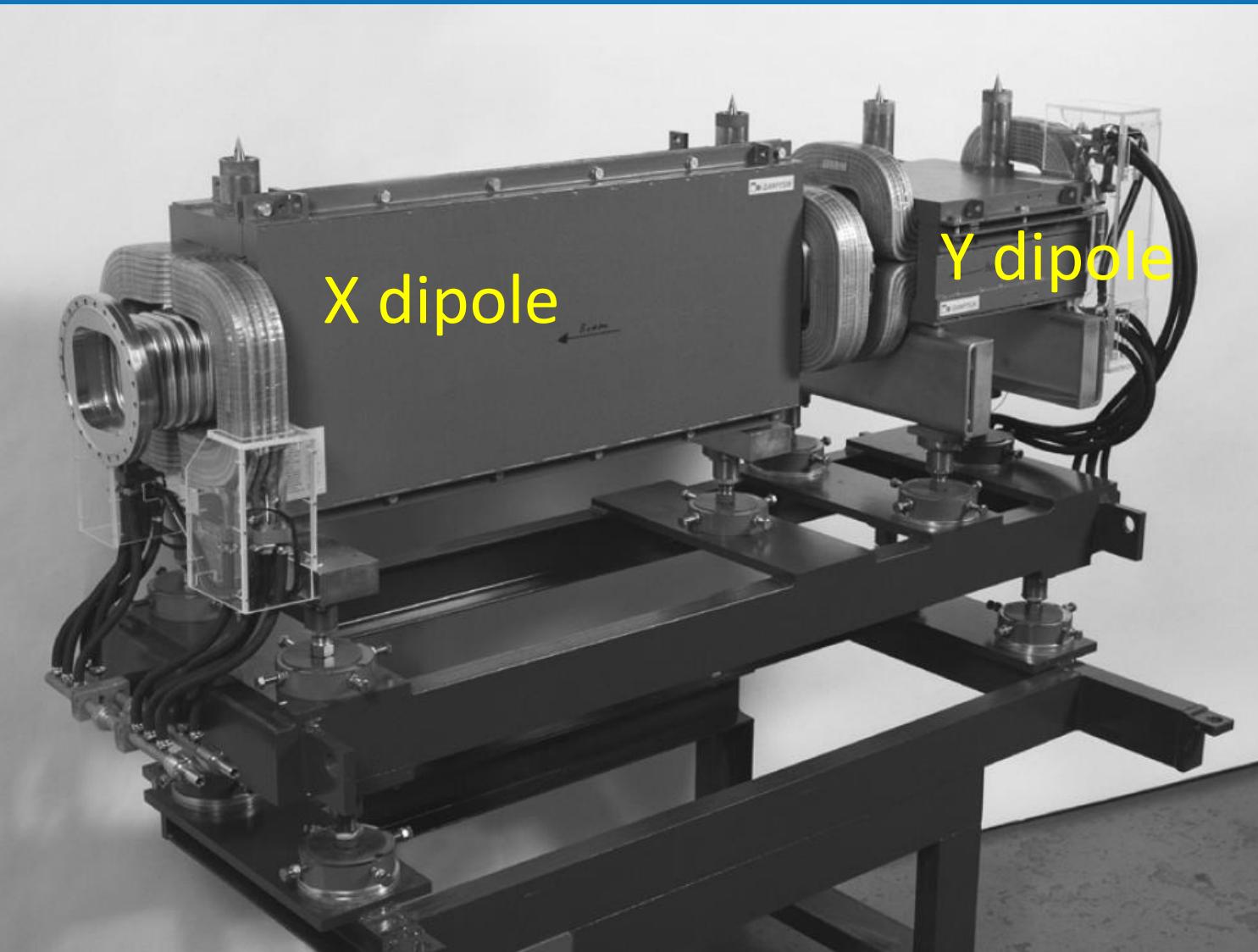
Cave A Scanner Geometry

Cave A Scanner-Geometrie

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Scanner dipoles



Scanner dipoles

Scanner parameters (2nd dipole)

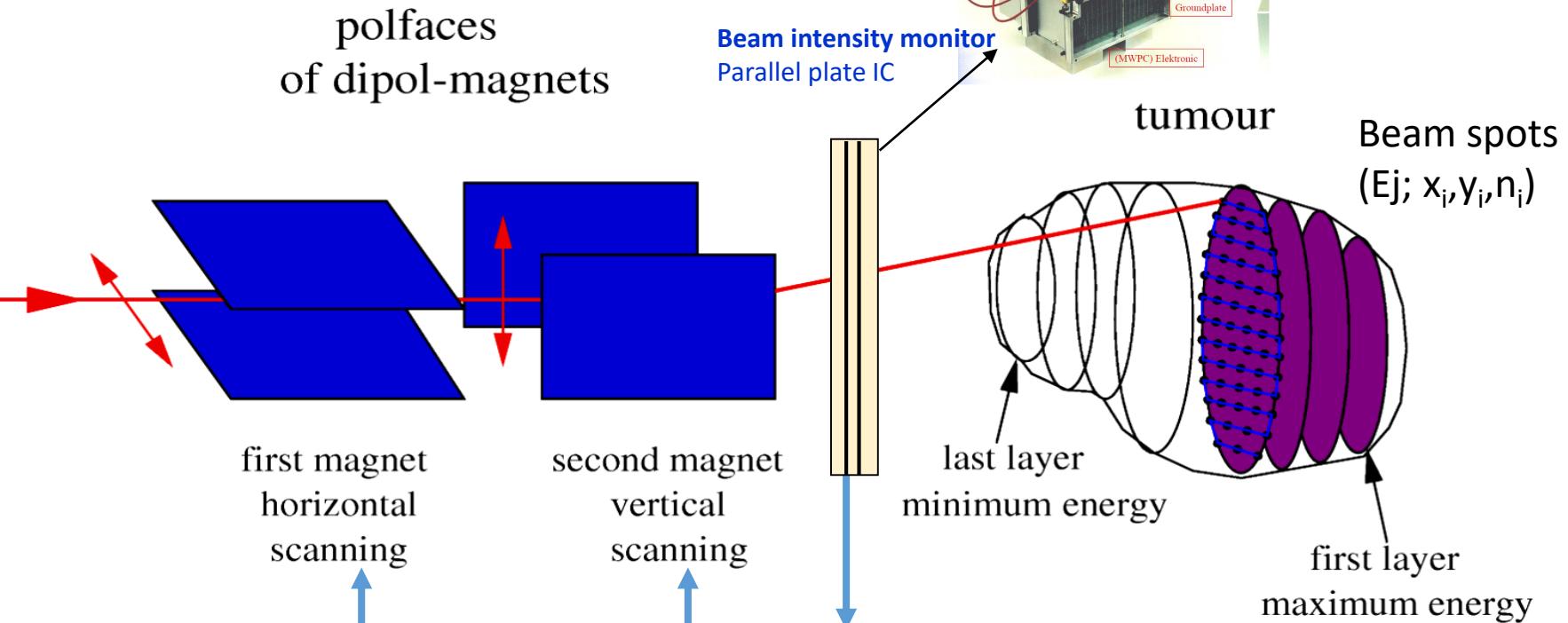
Parameter	Scanner Cave A
max. deflection angle	$\pm 0.5^\circ$
nominal radius ρ [m]	36
gap size [mm]	70
magn. flux density B [T]	0.50
magn. rigidity $B\rho$ [Tm]	18
Field ramp [T/ms]	55
max. current [A]	300
effective magnet length [m]	0.314
overall length [m]	0.550
Power supply	bipolar
DC power loss [kW]	3.2

Scanning capabilities

Energies	80-1000 MeV/u (2000 MeV/u)
Ions	H to U
Intensity range	$500 - 10^9$ per spill
Extraction	Slow 1-10 s (quadrupole resonance)
Spill length	0.2 – 10s
Spill pause	< 2s
Max scan area	Up to $20 \times 20 \text{ cm}^2$

Raster-scanning beam application at GSI

Scanning principle

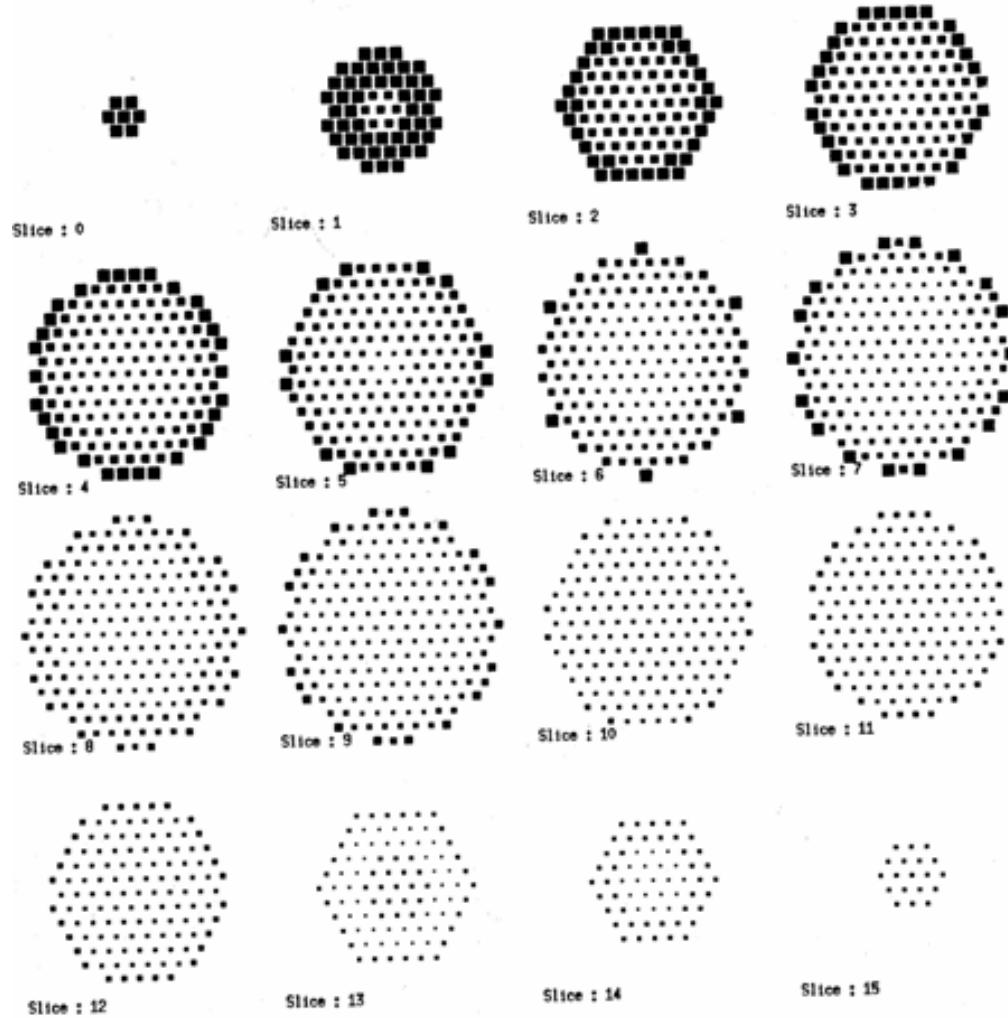
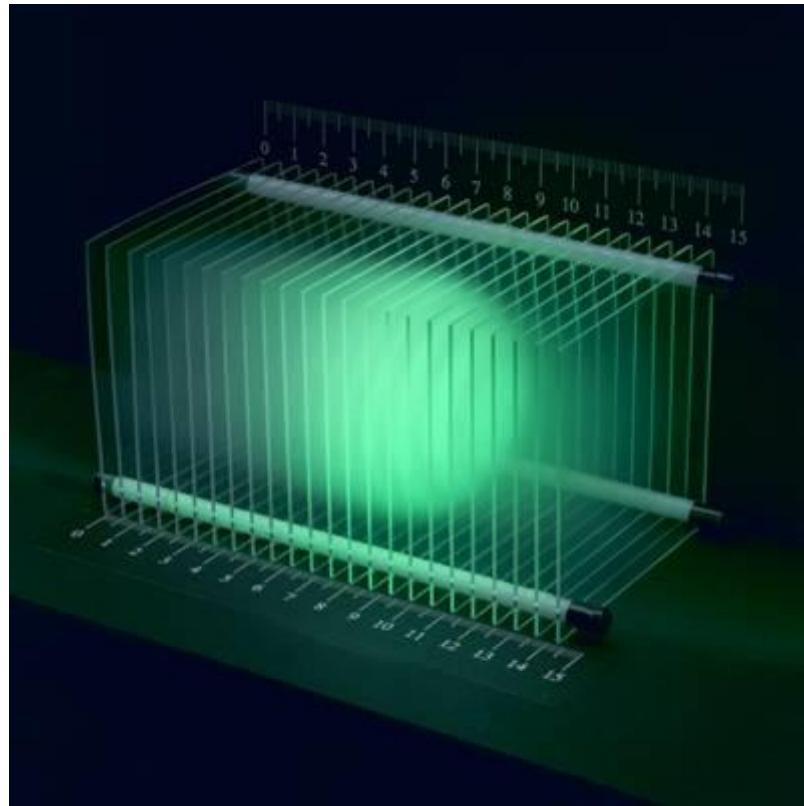


20 x 20 cm film,
scanner irradiation



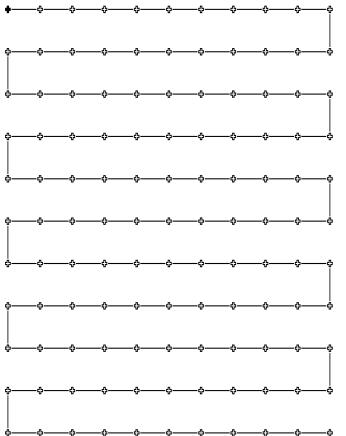
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Beam spot intensities for a 3D scan, 16 energy layers



Raster-scanning beam application at GSI

Square scan



Video

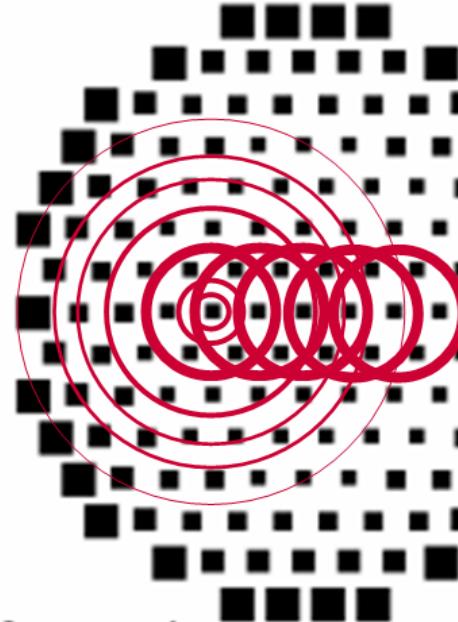
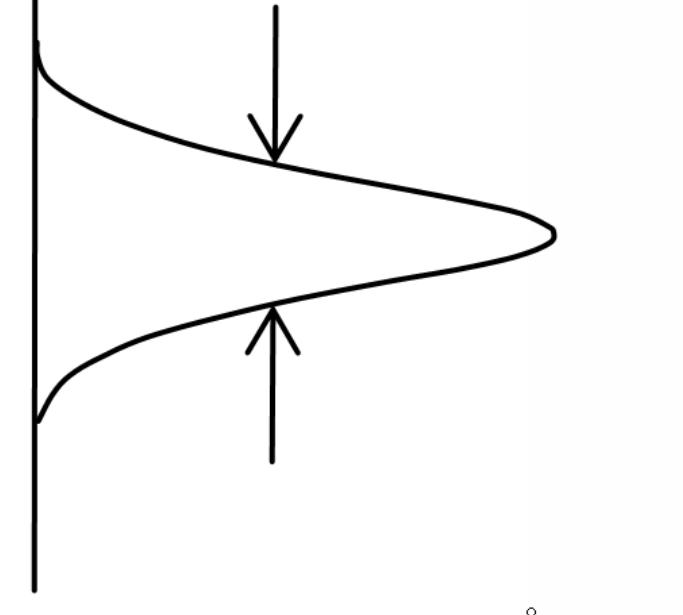


Animation: Tim Wagner



Superposition of beam spots

Gaussian FWHM
(typ. 5-20 mm)



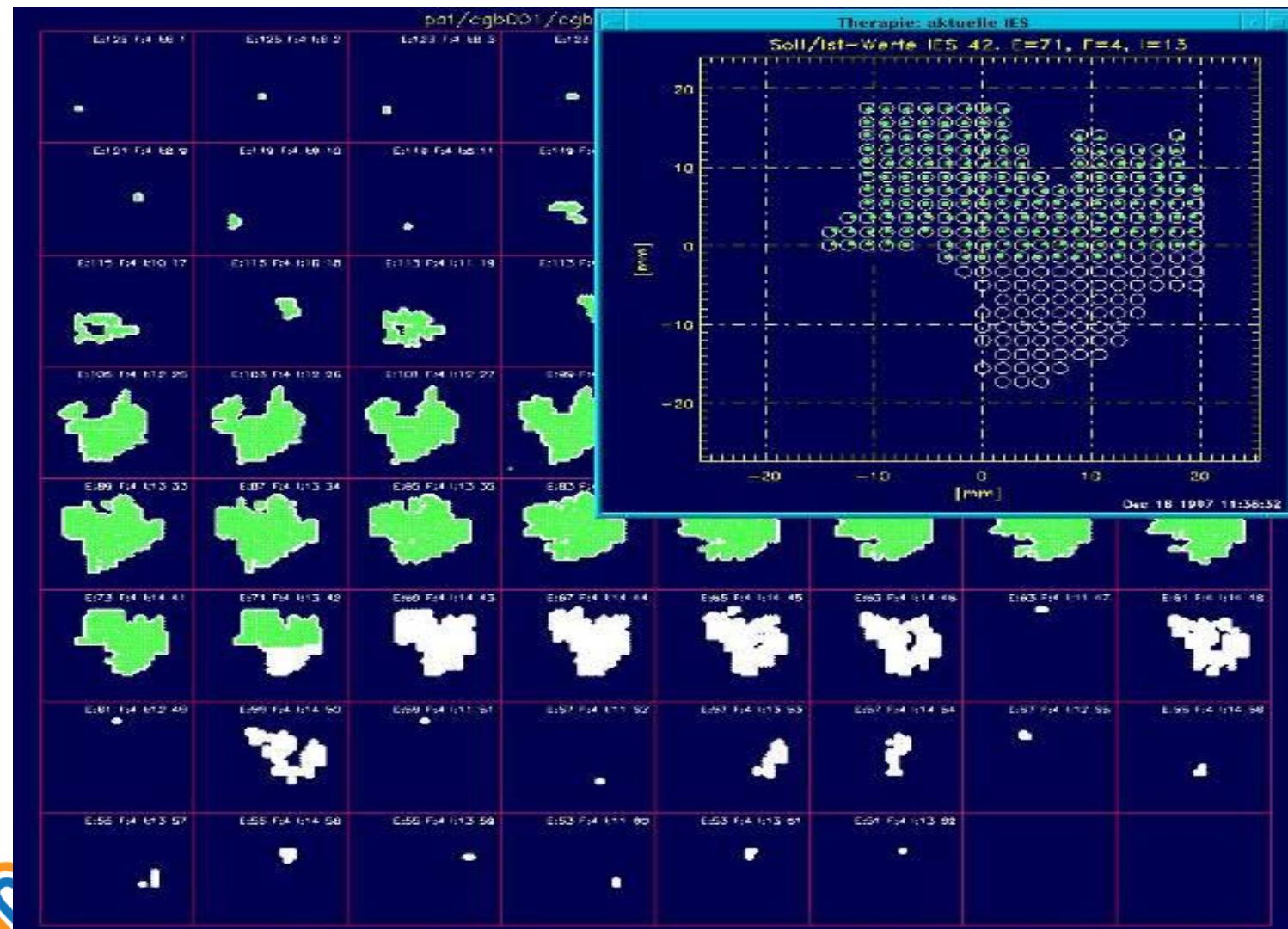
- Beam has normally a Gaussian lateral beam profile
- The width (FWHM) of the beam must be a multiple of scan spot distance (for homogeneous fluence)

FWHM = $2.355 \times \sigma$ (Sigma der Gauß-verteilung)

Irradiation plan, sphere

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Raster-scanning beam application at GSI



Energy layers for a real tumor

Raster-scanning beam application at GSI

*Short demonstration at
the
Cave-A Scanner
Control System
later during the tour*



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Concept for dosimetry with raster scanning @GSI

Calibration of the beam monitors and the beam application system is performed by measuring the dose

- A homogeneous scan is applied and dose is measured at the surface
- Afterwards the calibration factors were rescaled for the right dose



Beam monitor calibration for radiobiological experiments with scanned high energy heavy ion beams at FAIR

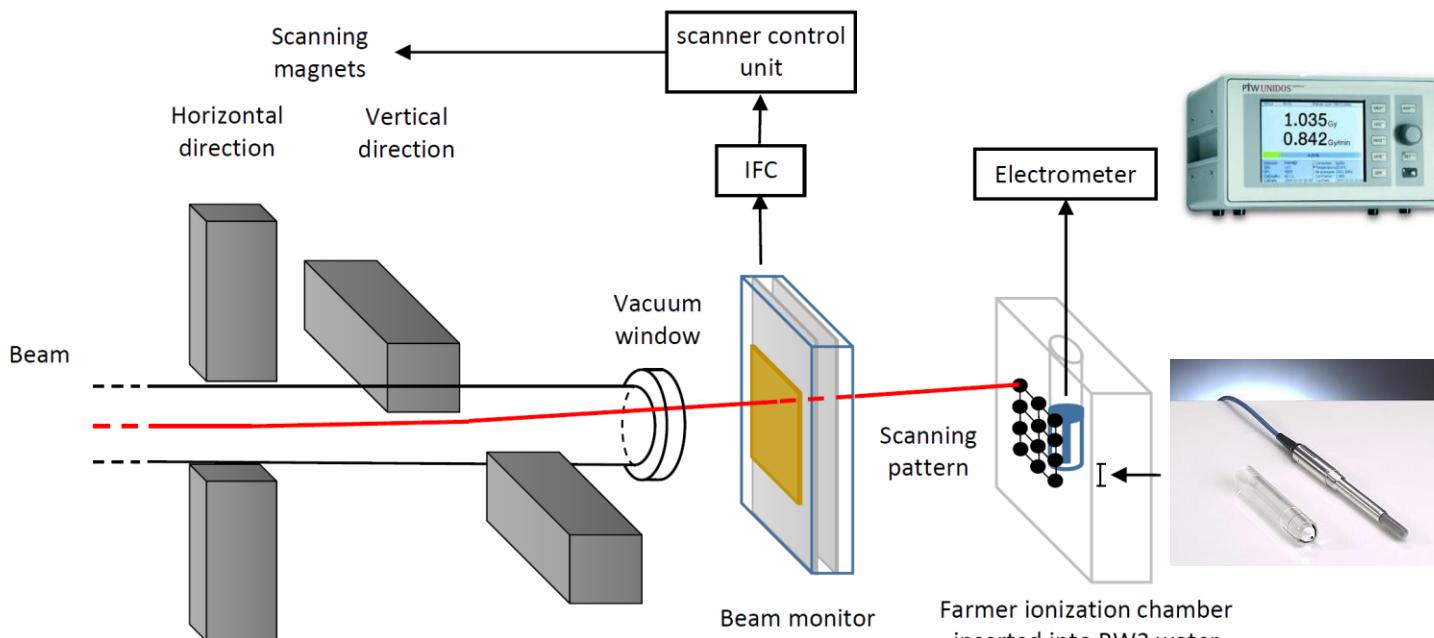
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PTW30013 Farmer chamber

Concept for dosimetry with raster scanning @GSI

$$\Phi = \frac{N}{d_{scan}^2}$$

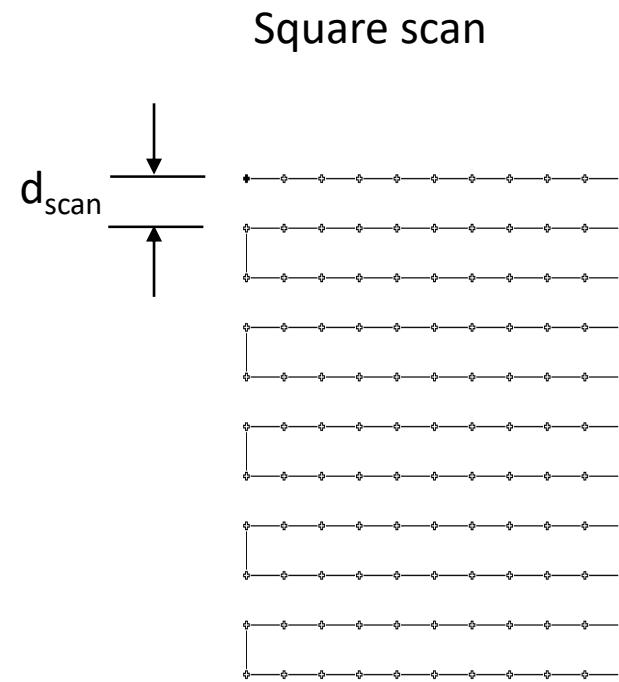
N : Ions per beam spot
Φ : Fluence

also „dE/dx“

$$D_w = \Phi \cdot \frac{LET_w}{\rho_w} = \frac{N}{d_{scan}^2} \cdot \frac{LET_w}{\rho_w}$$

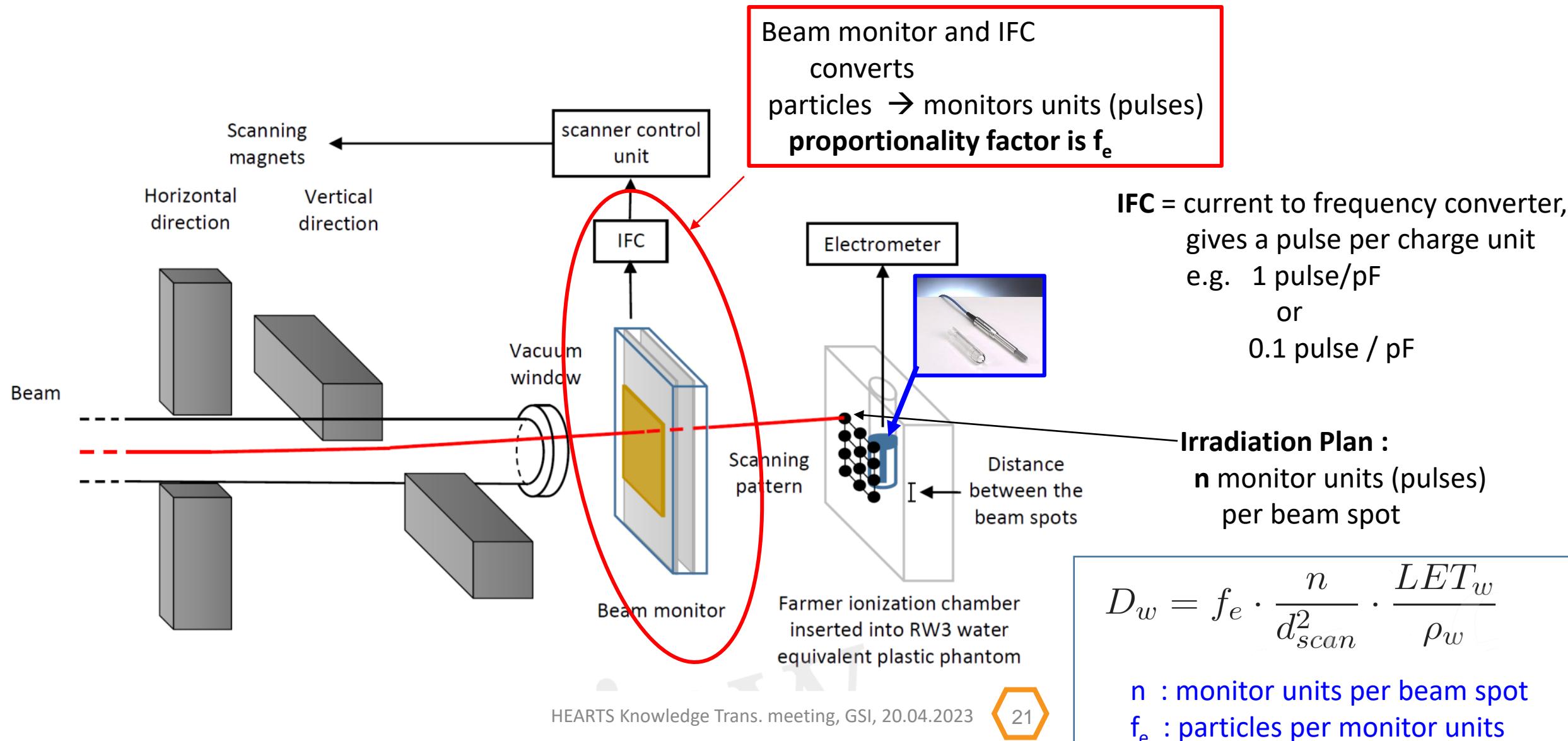
$$D_w = f_e \frac{n}{d_{scan}^2} \cdot \frac{LET_w}{\rho_w}$$

n : monitor units per beam spot
f_e : particles per monitor units



Video

Concept for dosimetry with raster scanning @GSI



Concept for dosimetry with raster scanning @GSI

Proportionality factor f_e can be calculated:

$$f_e = \frac{F}{\frac{E}{W} \cdot e}$$

F : beam particles per monitor pulse

W: W-value mean energy expended in the gas per ion pair

E : energy loss per particle in the beam monitor

Energy [MeV/u]	330
Z of ion (eg. 18 for Ar)	82
active gap [mm]	10
E-loss (interpol.) [MeV / (mg/cm ²)]	17.18
E-loss [MeV]	28.98
Charge per ion [fC]	169.22
IFC-amplification [pC/pulse]	0.10
correction faktor:	1.00
Calibration factor [particles / pulse]	0.59
Calibration factor [pulse / particles]	1.69218

Excel calculator can be provided

Concept for dosimetry with raster scanning @GSI

How to measure precisely the dose ?

- Calibration sheet from manufacturer (Co-60)

?

N_{Dw} [Gy/C]

- Temperature and air pressure corrections: $k_D = \frac{(273.2 + T)p_0}{(273.2 + T_0)p}$

- Correction factor for the beam quality:

$$k_Q = \frac{(S_{w,air})_Q}{(S_{w,air})_{Q_0}} \cdot \frac{p_Q}{p_{Q_0}} \cdot \frac{(W_{air})_Q}{(W_{air})_{Q_0}}$$

Q : Ion beams
 Q_0 : Cobalt-60 photons

$S_{w,air}$: water-to-air stopping power ratio
 p_Q : perturbation factor of the ionization
 W_{air} : W-value (energy per ion pair)



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Kalibriergegenstand
Strahlungsdetektor

Detektor	TM30013-04584
Detektortyp	Ionisationskammer
Kontrollvorrichtung	T48012-0419
Halter	48002.3.003-1058
Hersteller	PTW-Freiburg
Auftraggeber	GSI - Gesellschaft für Schwerionenforschung mbH Postfach 11 05 52 64220 Darmstadt

Auftragsnummer: AU1003243
Auftragsdatum: 23.06.2010

Ergebnis der Kalibrierung

Messgröße	Wasserenergiedosis (D_w)						
Detektor-Kalibrierfaktor	$N_{Dw} = 5,380 \cdot 10^7 \text{ Gy/C}$						
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for a Cobalt beam

Kontrollanzeige
 $k_{p,0} = 9,414 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ Gy/min}$
 ^{90}Sr / 28,8 Jahre

Referenzbedingungen
Strahlungsqualität:
Umgebungstemperatur:
Luftdruck:
Relative Luftfeuchtigkeit:
Kammerspannung/Polarität:
Sättigungseffizienz:

^{60}Co
293,2 K (20°C)
1013,2 hPa
50%
+ 400 V
100 %

Kalibrierdatum
Rekalibrierintervall
25.06.2010
2 Jahre (empfohlen)

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Concept for dosimetry with raster scanning @GSI

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Correction factor k_Q for the beam quality:

$$k_Q = \frac{(S_{w,air})_Q}{(S_{w,air})_{Q_0}} \cdot \frac{p_Q}{p_{Q_0}} \cdot \frac{(W_{air})_Q}{(W_{air})_{Q_0}}$$

Q : Ion beams
Q₀ : Cobalt-60 photons

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TABLE 31. CALCULATED VALUES OF k_Q FOR PROTON BEAMS, FOR VARIOUS CYLINDRICAL AND PLANE-PARALLEL IONIZATION CHAMBERS AS A FUNCTION OF BEAM QUALITY R_{res}

Ionization chamber type ^a	Beam quality R_{res} (g/cm ²)														
	0.25	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	7.5	10	15	20
PTW 23323 micro	—	1.027	1.025	1.025	1.025	1.024	1.024	1.024	1.024	1.024	1.024	1.024	1.023	1.023	1.023
PTW 23331 rigid	—	1.037	1.035	1.034	1.034	1.034	1.034	1.034	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.032
PTW 23332 rigid	—	1.031	1.029	1.028	1.028	1.028	1.028	1.028	1.027	1.027	1.027	1.027	1.027	1.027	1.026
PTW 23333	—	1.033	1.031	1.031	1.030	1.030	1.030	1.030	1.030	1.030	1.030	1.029	1.029	1.029	1.028
PTW 30001/30010 Farmer	—	1.033	1.031	1.031	1.030	1.030	1.030	1.030	1.030	1.030	1.030	1.029	1.029	1.029	1.028
PTW 30002/30011 Farmer	—	1.036	1.035	1.034	1.034	1.034	1.034	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.032	1.032
PTW 30004/30012 Farmer	—	1.044	1.042	1.041	1.041	1.041	1.041	1.041	1.041	1.041	1.040	1.040	1.040	1.040	1.039
PTW 30006/30013 Farmer	—	1.033	1.032	1.031	1.031	1.031	1.030	1.030	1.030	1.030	1.030	1.030	1.029	1.029	1.029
PTW 31002 flexible	—	1.032	1.030	1.029	1.029	1.029	1.029	1.029	1.029	1.029	1.029	1.028	1.028	1.028	1.027
PTW 31003 flexible	—	1.032	1.030	1.029	1.029	1.029	1.029	1.029	1.029	1.029	1.029	1.028	1.028	1.028	1.027

k_Q factors are mainly calculated
 Can be verified by calorimetric measurements (graphite or water)

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Absorbed Dose Determination in External Beam Radiotherapy

An International Code of Practice for Dosimetry Based on Standards of Absorbed Dose to Water

Sponsored by the IAEA, WHO, PAHO and ESTRO



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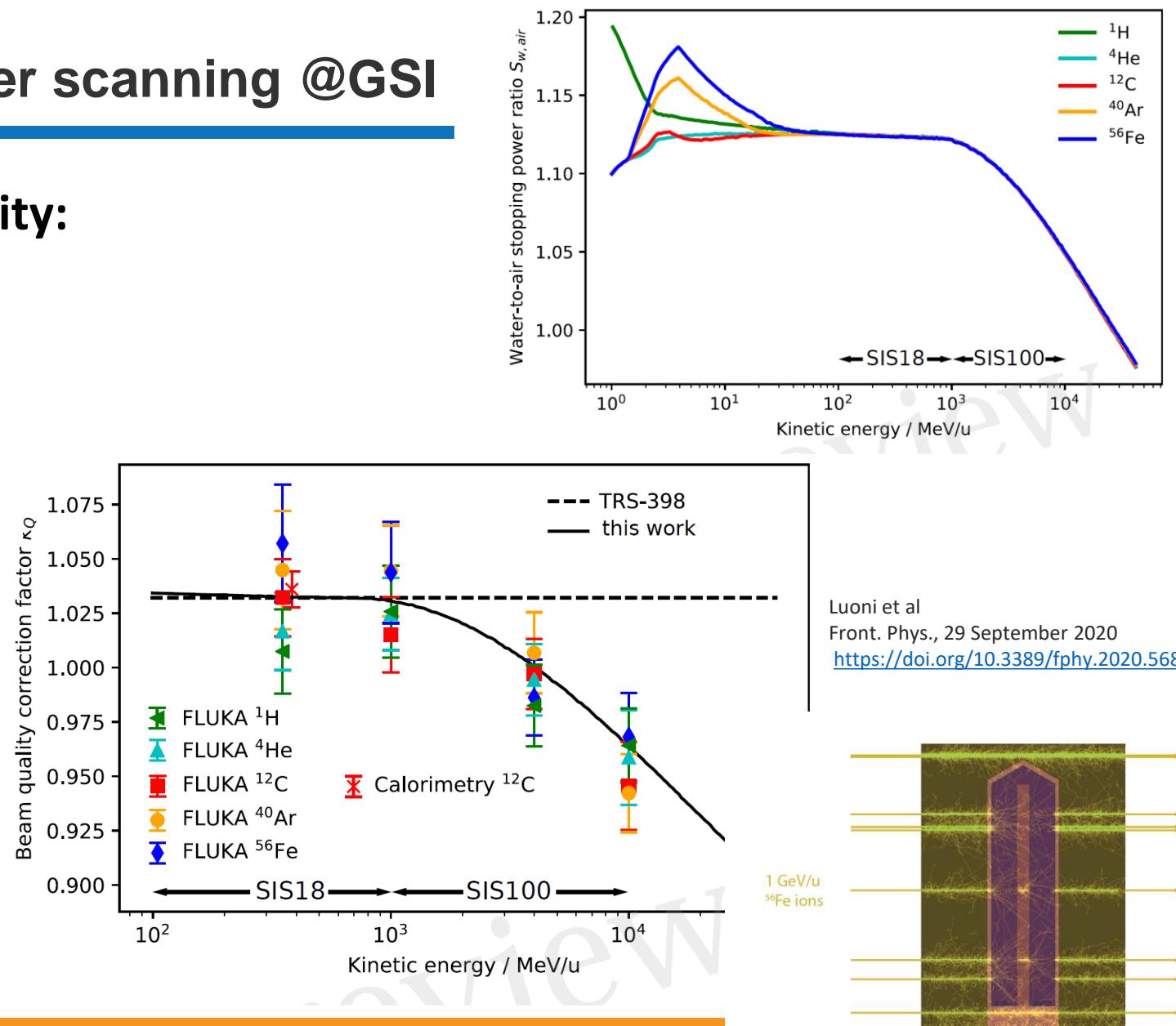
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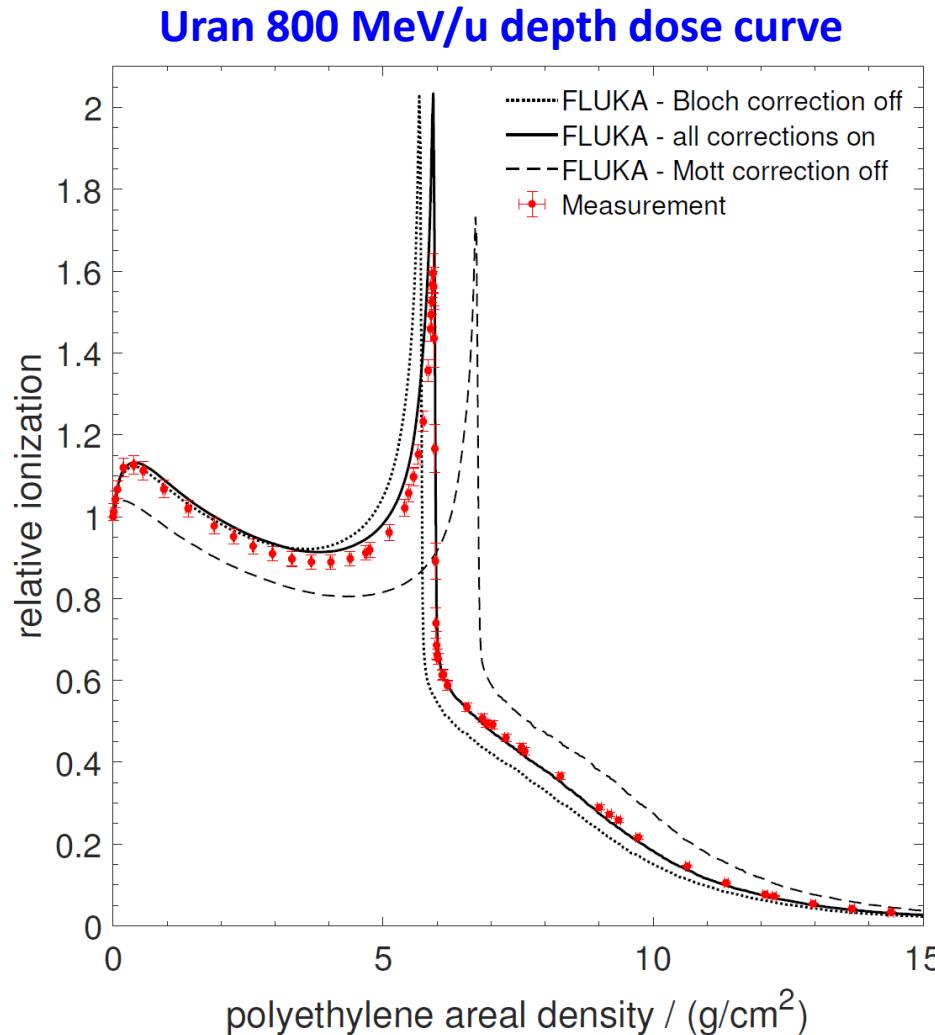
- k_Q factors from TRS-398 ok for $E < 1$ GeV/u
- k_Q factors to be corrected for $E > 1$ GeV/u (FAIR) due to relativistic effects ($S_{w,air}$)

Recommendation:

Calculation of k_Q für Pb und Uranium (- 10 GeV/u)



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Precise measurement of the Bragg curve for 800 MeV/u ^{238}U ions stopping in polyethylene and its implications for calculation of heavy ion ranges

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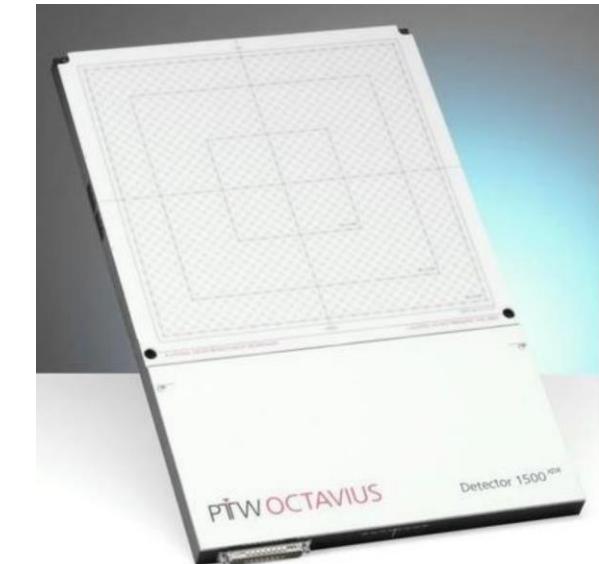
Existing Instrumentation for beam monitoring and dosimetry at GSI: Presentation and hands-on

Dose measurements chambers

PTW TM30013 Farmer chamber
(working horse for monitor calibration)



PTW M31009 Farmer chamber (pin point)



PTW Octavius
Multi ionisation chmaber Array
1500 XDR and 1600 XDR

Bragg peak chamber Bragg Peak 150 Type 34089



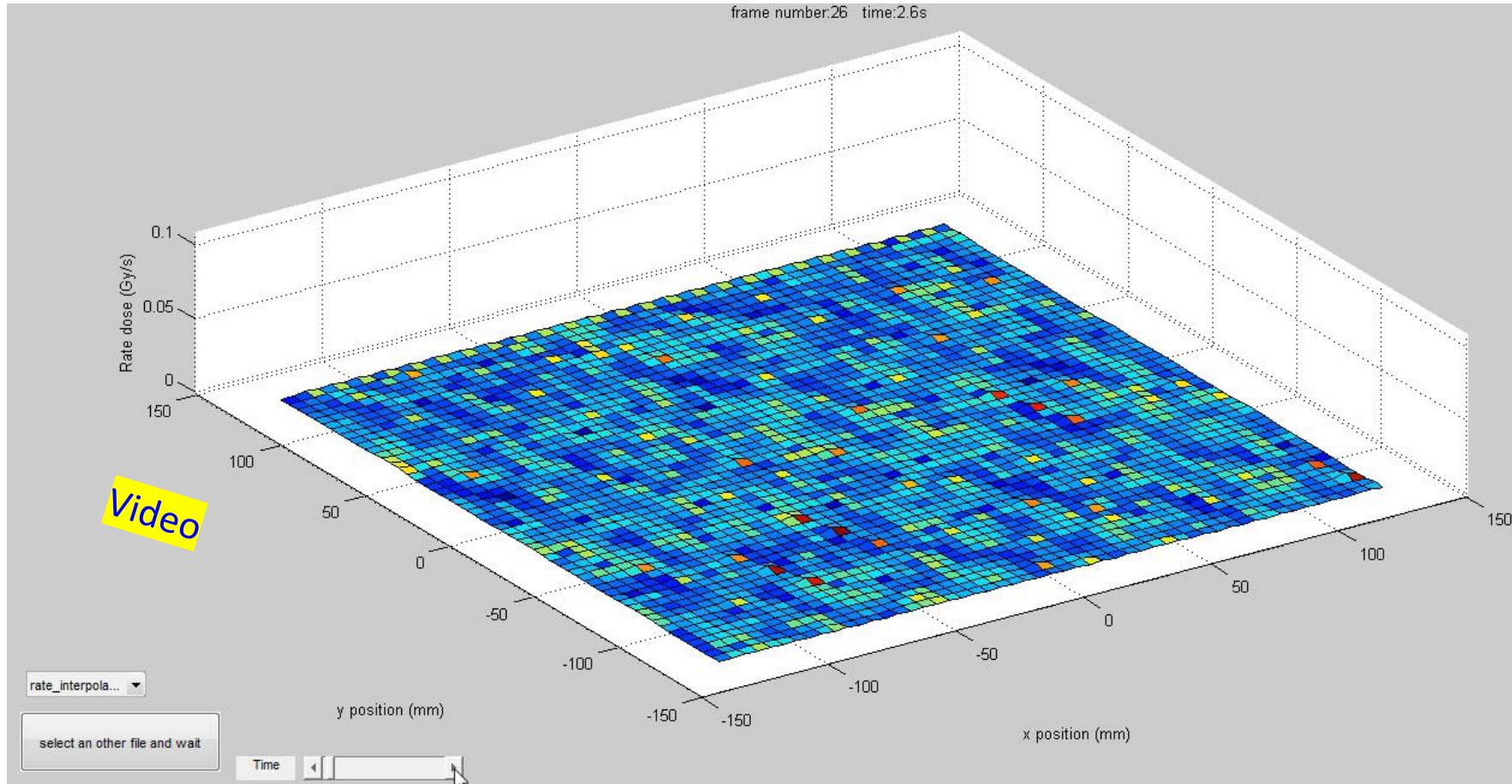
having 1500 resp 1600
single ionisation chambers



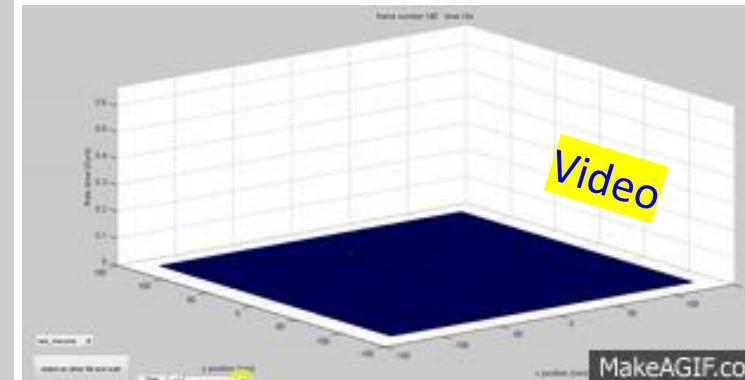
Electrometer for read out

PTW Octavius 1500 XDR in Movie mode

Shifted square field at Electron Linac Varian TrueBeam

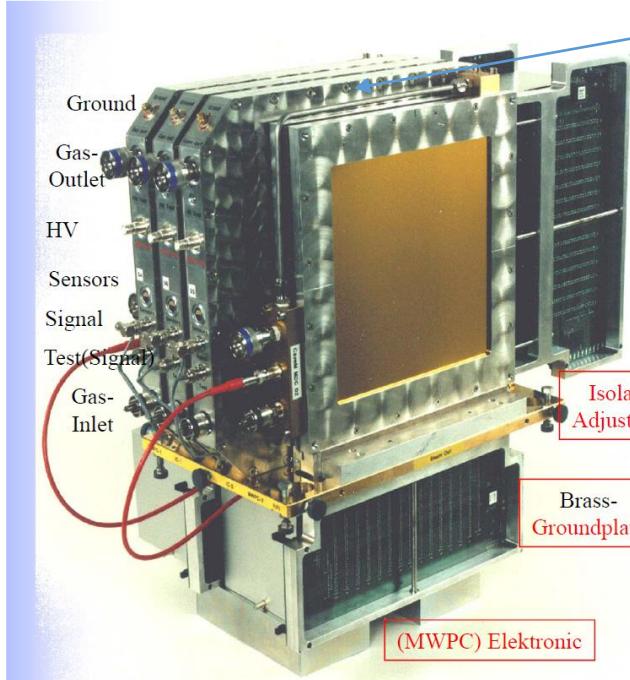


Scanned C12 beam at HIT



Existing Instrumentation for beam monitoring and dosimetry at GSI: Presentation and hands-on

Beam monitoring for scanning



Therapy beam monitor unit

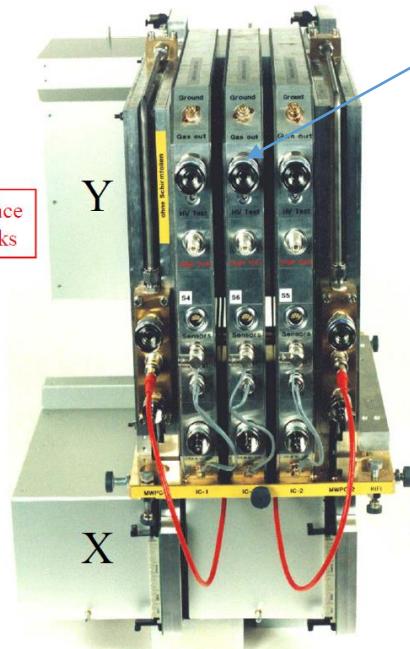
3 x parallel plate ionisation chambers (integral beam intensity)

2 x position sensitive wire proportions chamber

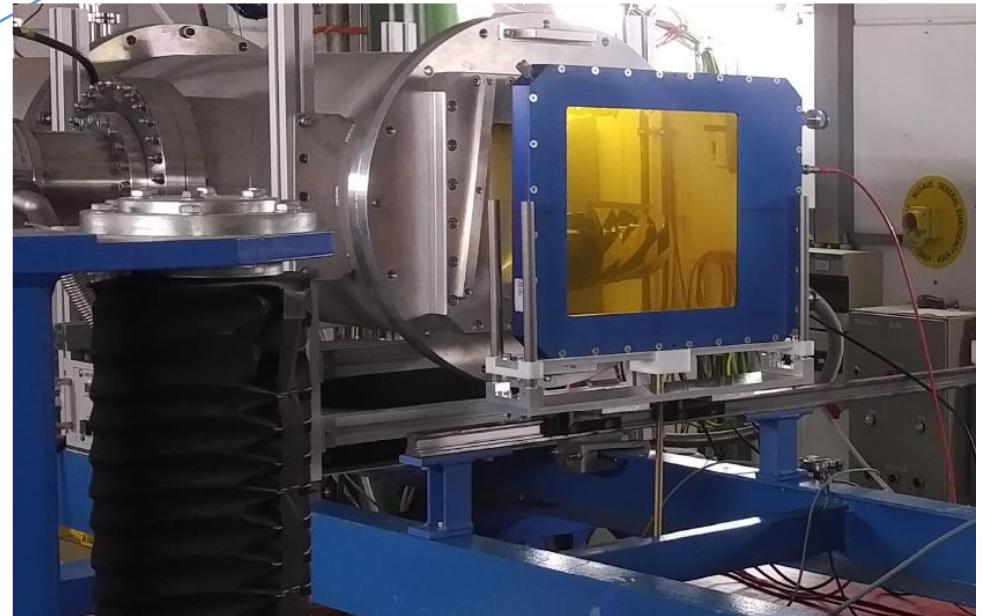
MWPCs currently not available

Readout electronic is updated

For TERA08 Chip



Parallel plate ionisation chambers



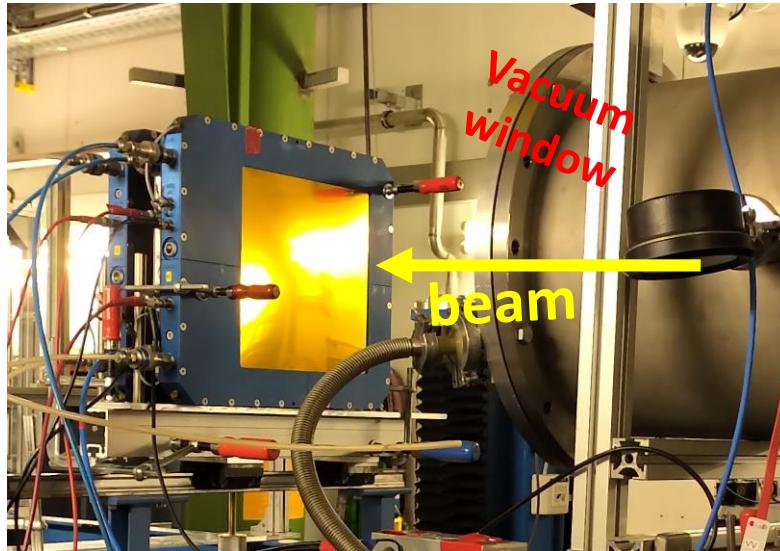
For beam monitoring in FLASH experiments

- Gas filled (He/ArCO₂) for minimum recombination
- 20 x 20 cm active area
- 2 x 10 mm gas gap
- up to 2000 V

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Beam monitoring for scanning at high intensity

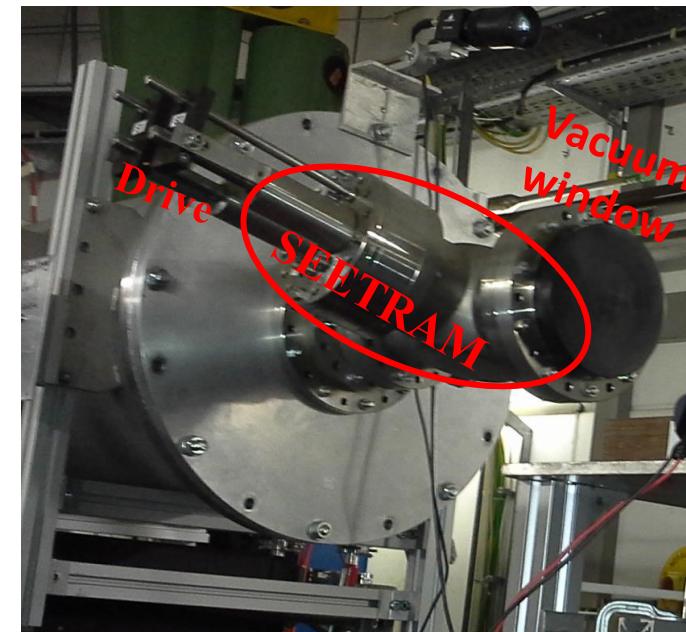
Parallel plate ionisation chambers, Helium/CO₂ filled
up to $\sim 5 \times 10^{10}$ carbons ion/s (or equivalent dose)



In-vacuum detector
Secondary electrons emitted from the middle foil are collected by the two outer foils.

SEETRAM

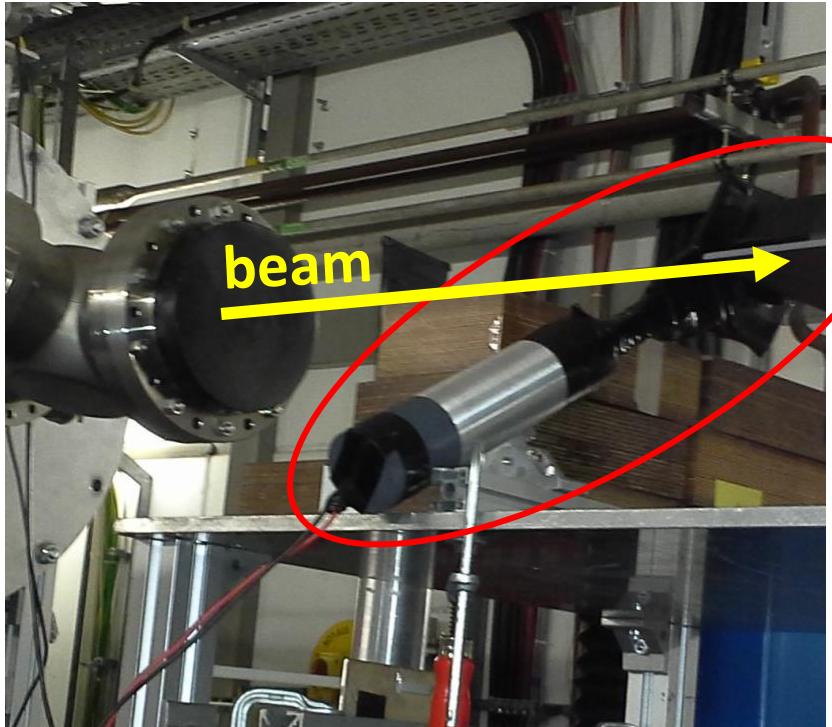
SEcondary Electron TRAnsmission Monitor
(highest beam intensity possible)



Existing Instrumentation for beam monitoring and dosimetry at GSI: Presentation and hands-on

Beam monitoring for scanning at low intensity

Thin (2 mm x 80 x 80 mm²) plastic scintillator with PMT



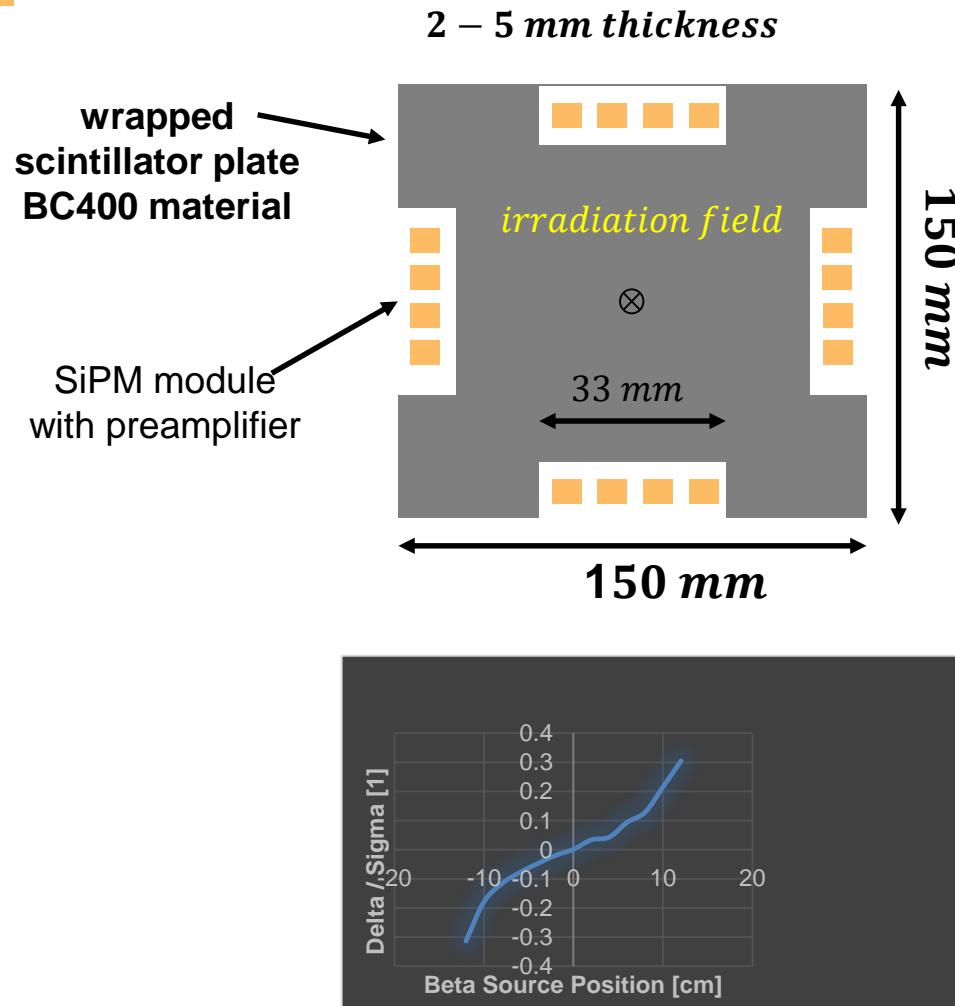
Works well for counting particles for

- Fixed pencil beams
- small field scanning < 60 x 60 mm

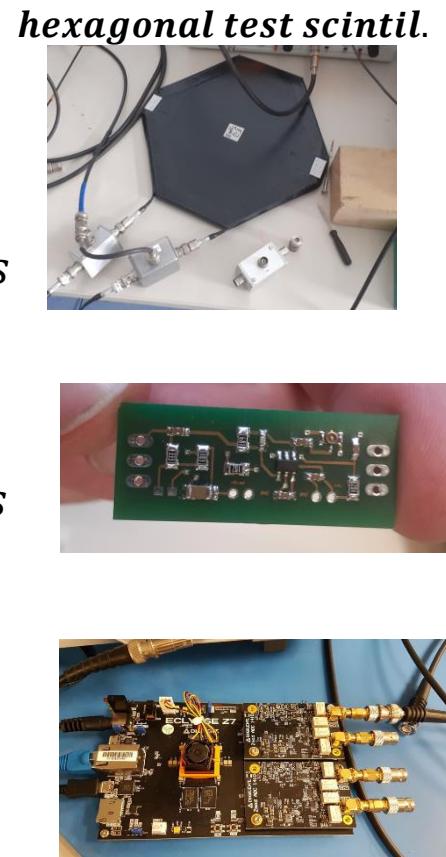
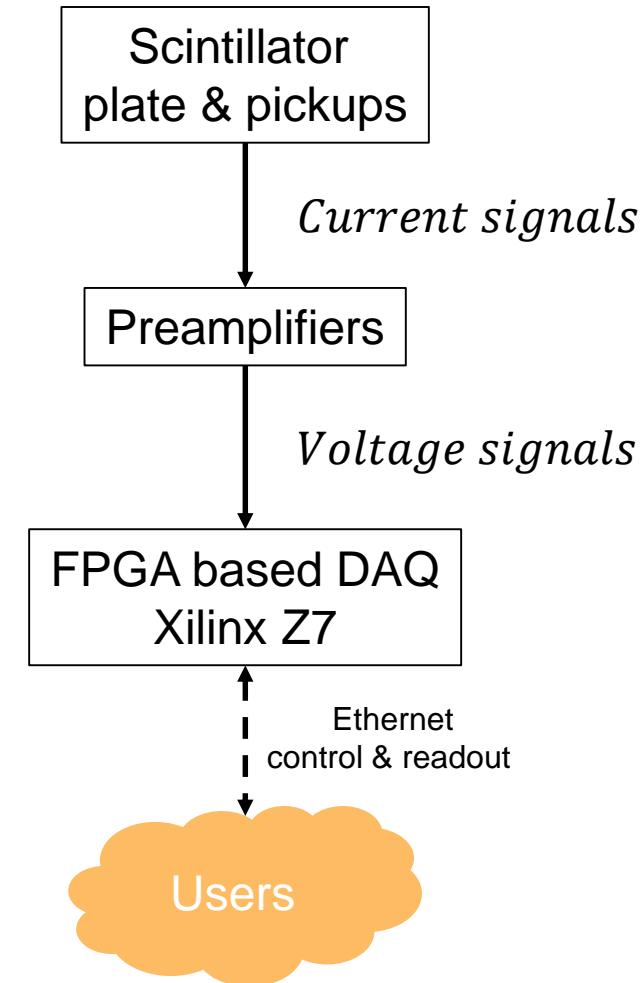
up to 10^6 ions/s

New project:

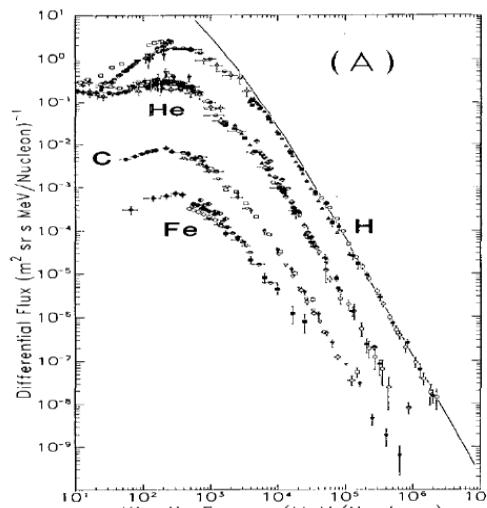
Development of a Scintillator based Detector for Particle counting and Beam Position monitoring



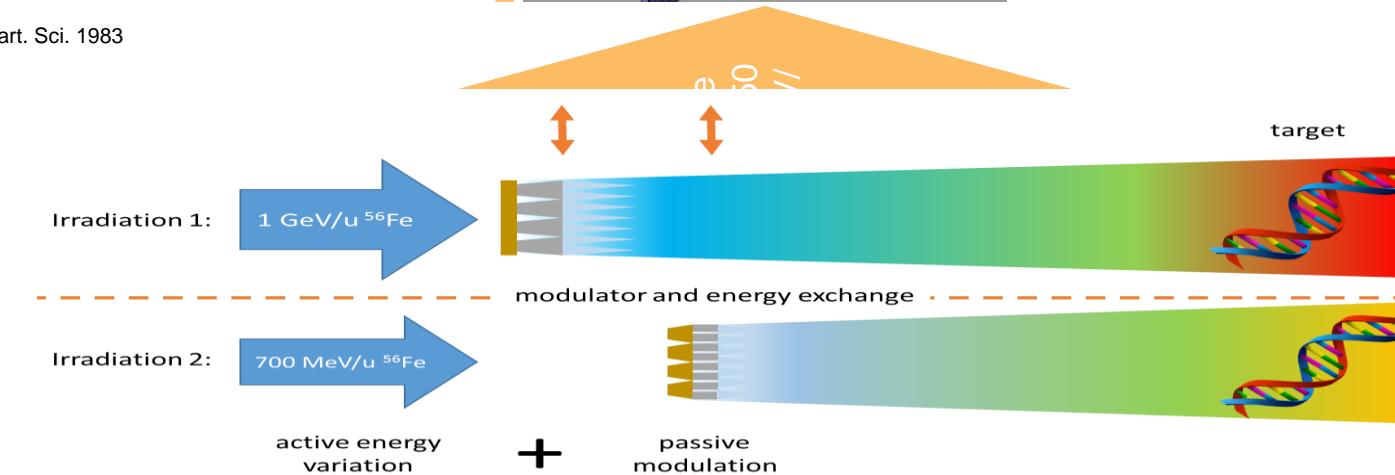
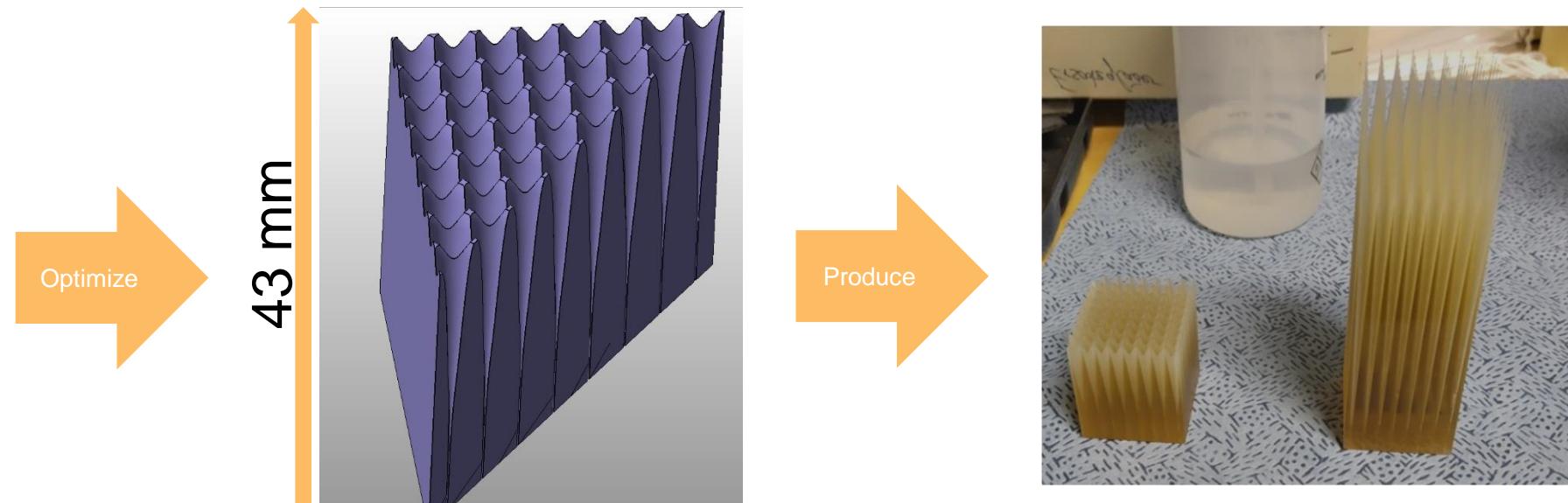
$$x_{measure} \propto \frac{U_{left} - U_{right}}{U_{left} + U_{right}} = \frac{\Delta_x}{\Sigma_x}$$



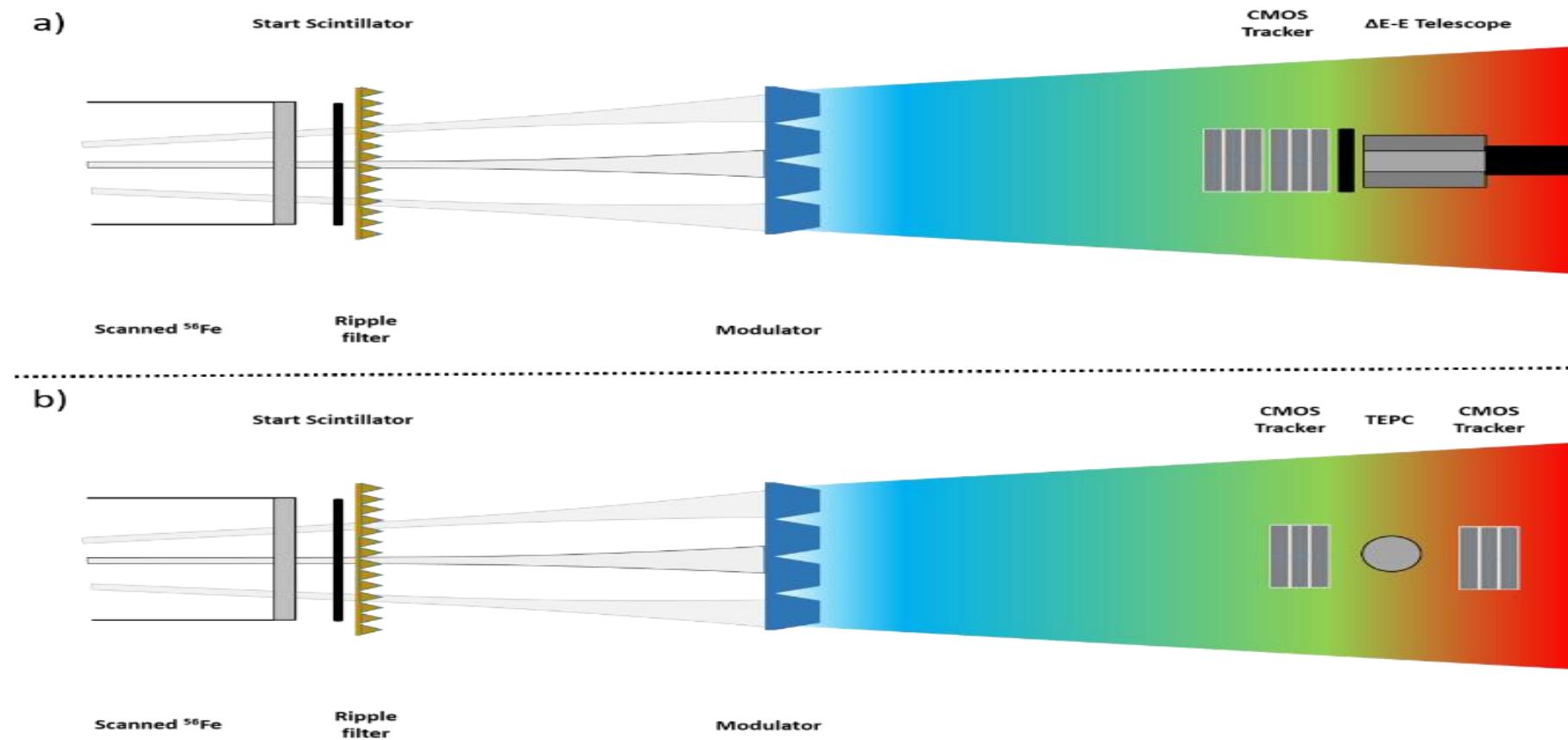
GCR simulation



Simpson et al., Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 1983

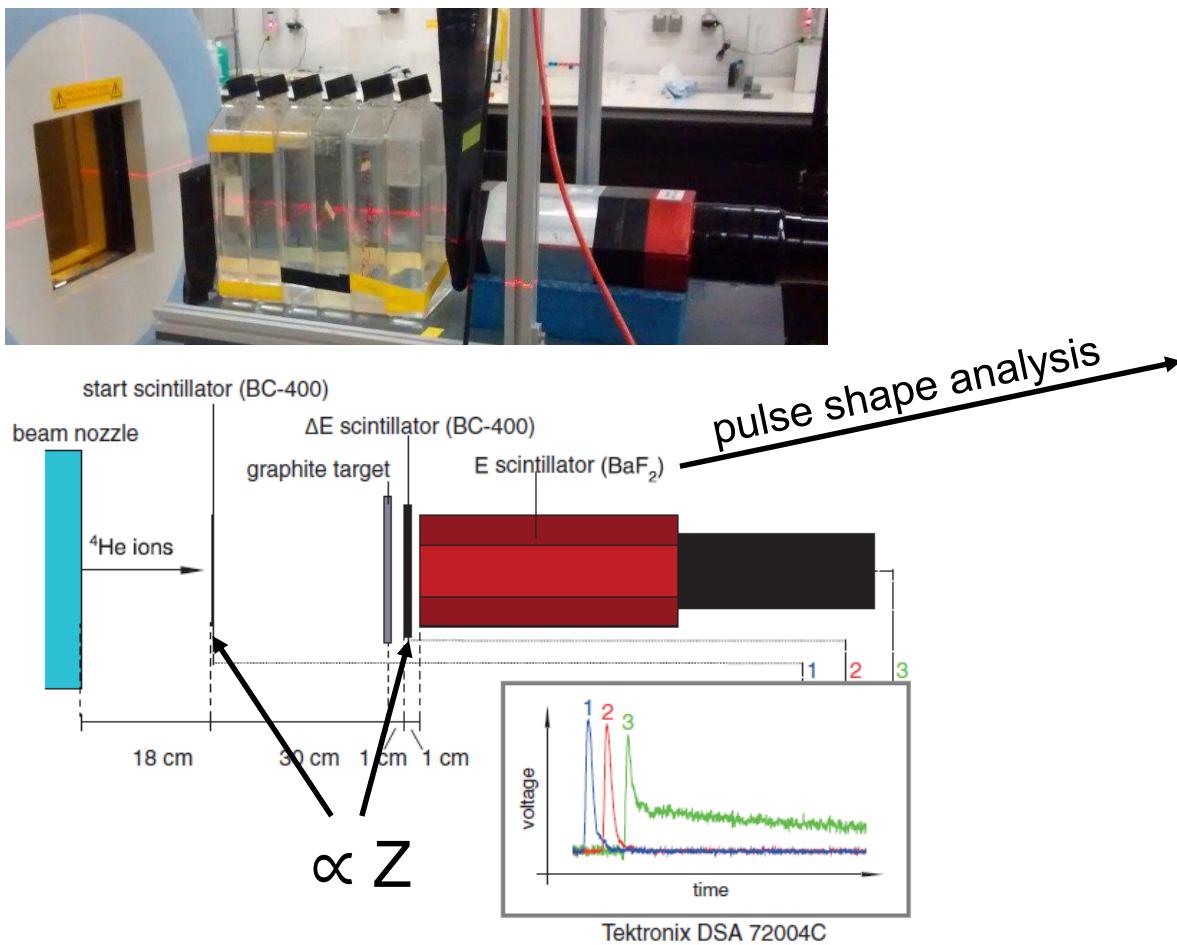


- Validation

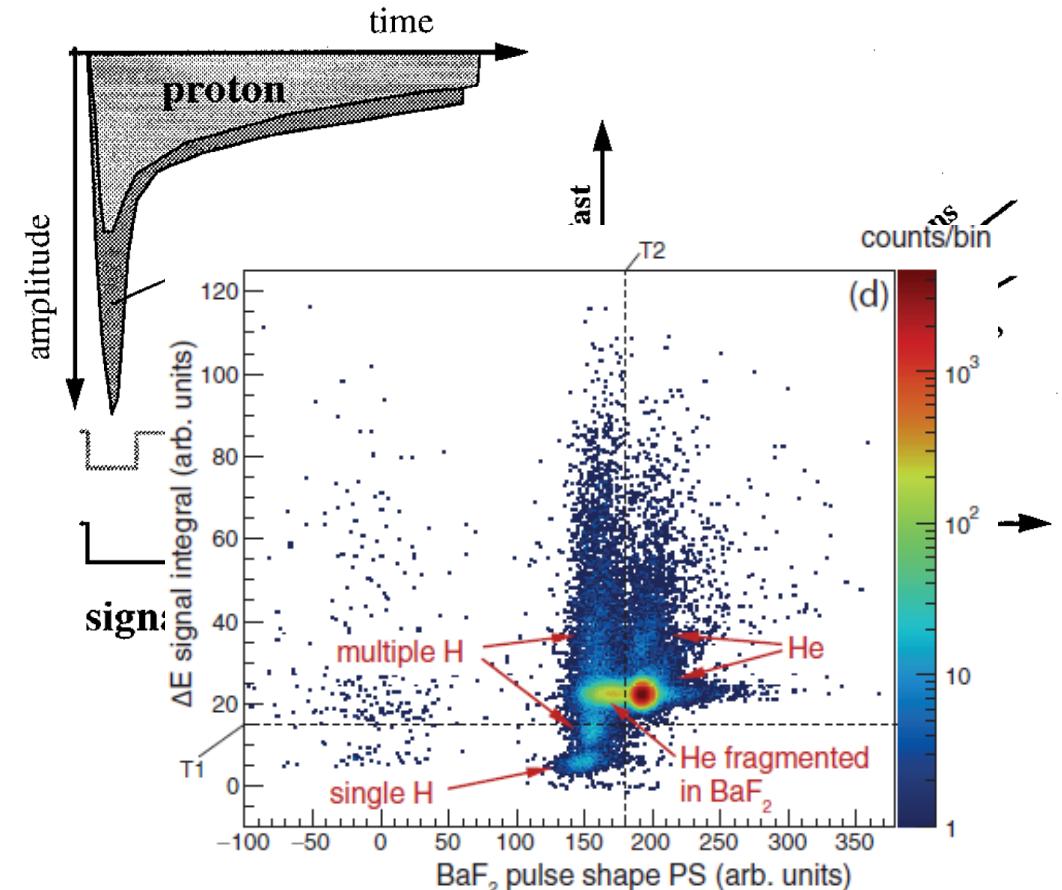


GCR simulator

- $\Delta E / E$

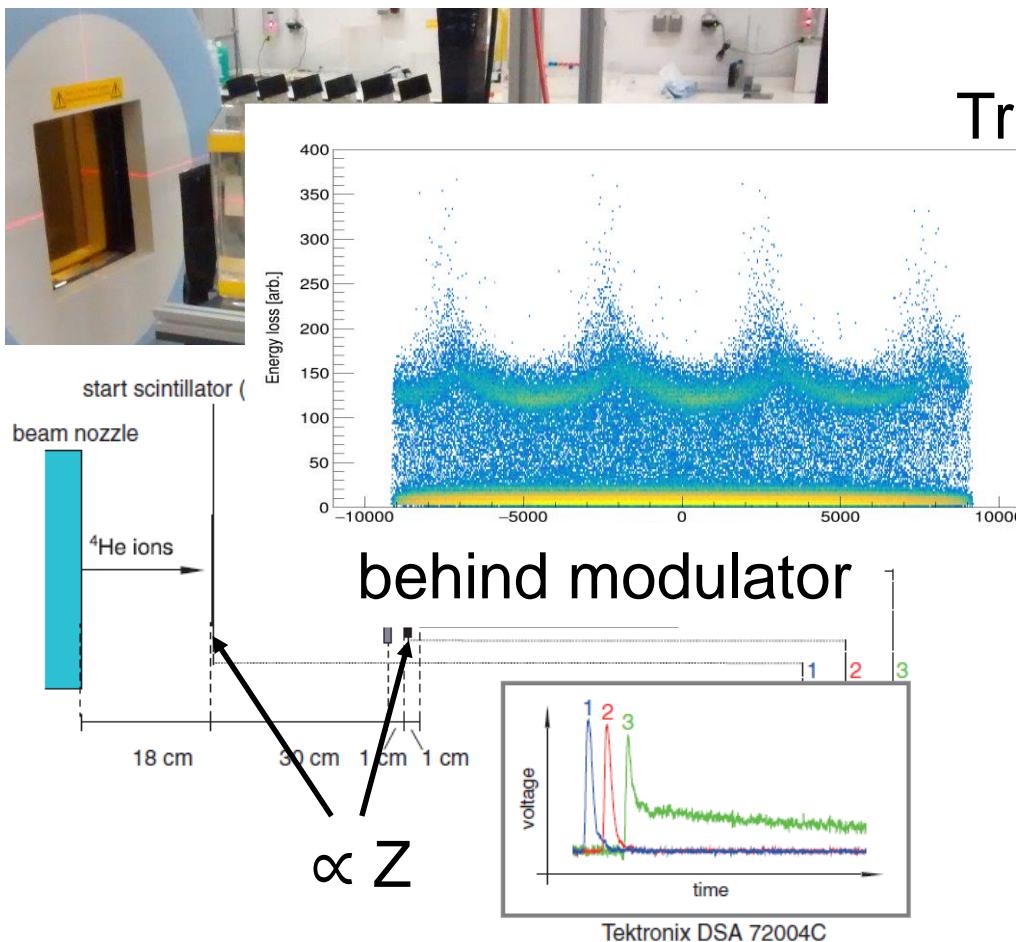


Suffers if event multiplicity is high!



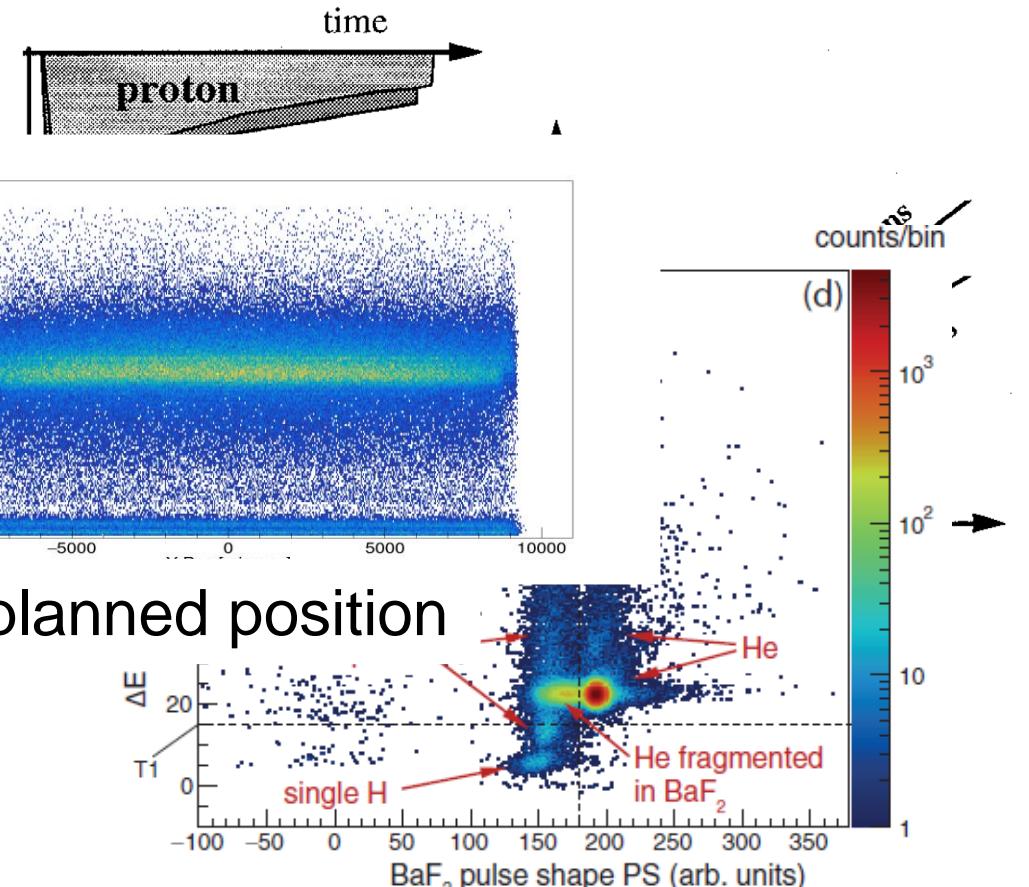
GCR simulator

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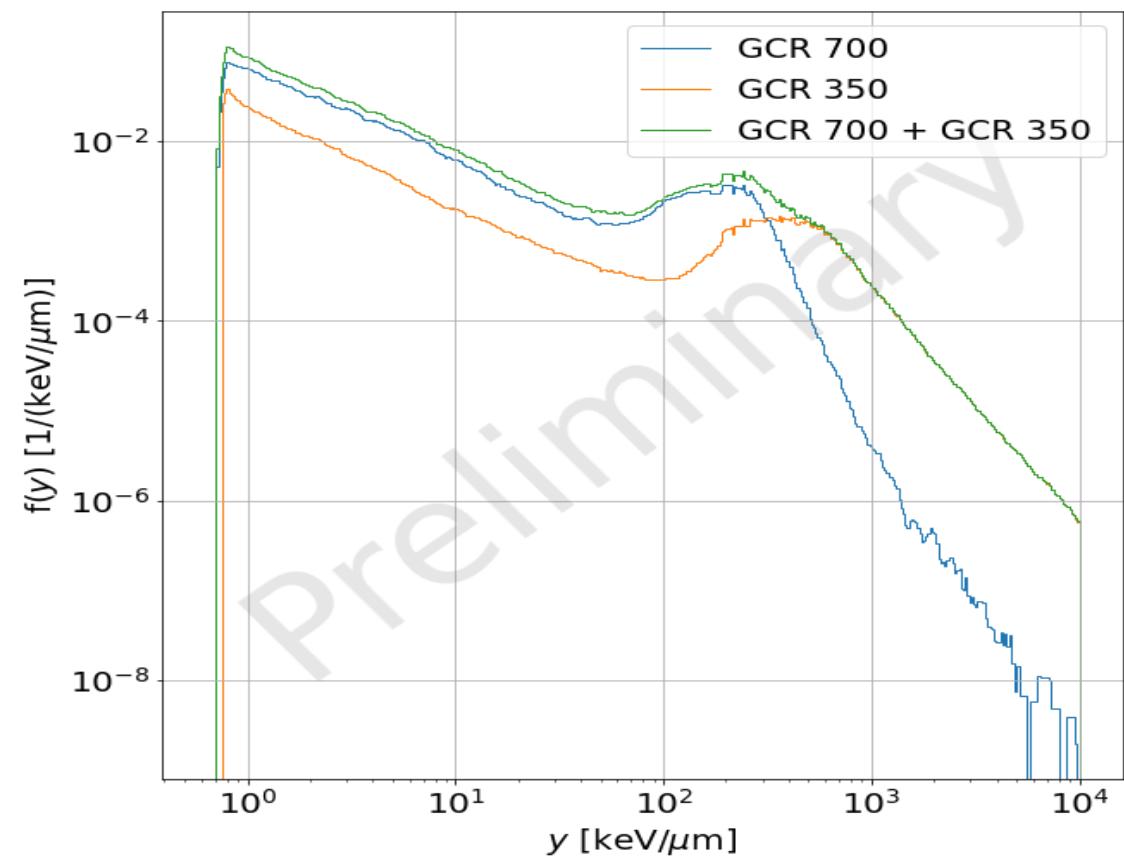
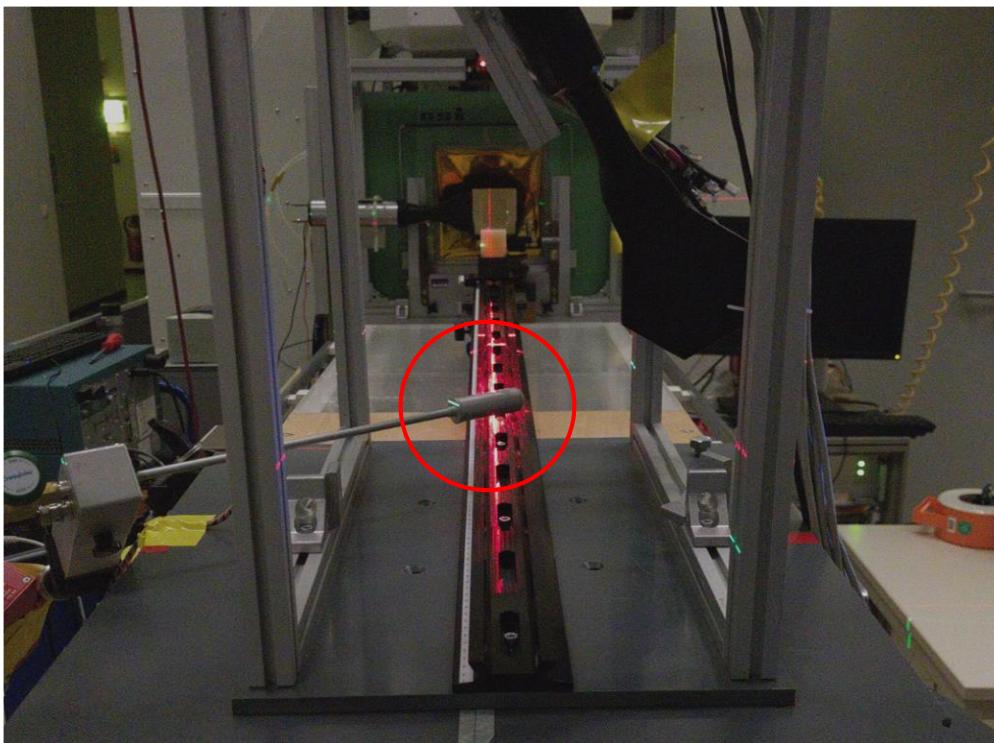
Tracker

Suffers if event multiplicity is high!



GCR simulator

- Micro dosimetry (TEPC)



First Discussion: How to make CERN and GSI dosimetry comparable?

Beam parameters at GSI and CERN

	GSI	comments	CERN * ²	comments
Energies	80-1000 MeV/u	Typically 2-3 energies	600- 5000 MeV/u* ² Actually applied : 1000, 750, 650 MeV/u	Will be improved to 70 – 8000 MeV/u
Ions	H to U	typically C, Fe, U * ¹	Pb	
Intensity range Dose rate	500 – 10^9 per spill 1 Gy/s for 10^9 C12	Depends (a bit) on the ion species	$\approx 10^9$ ions per spill ??	
Extraction	Slow 1-10 s (quadrupole resonance)	Optional slow RF-KO (1 – 10 s), Fast kick out extraction (<1μs)		
Spill length	0.2 – 10s		200 – 400 ms	
Spill pause	< 2s	Variable duty cycle	2 spills every 45 seconds	
Delivery	Scanning	Arbitrary shapes	Static beam position	Beam shaping with collimators and octupoles envisioned
Max area	Up to 20×20 cm ²	< 5×5 cm ² for uranium	Gaussian 10×10 cm ²	Will be increased to Rectangular 20×20 cm ²
Uniformity	Better than ±5%		Trade-off between beam size and homogeneity	Will be improved to ±10%



*¹ additional ions like protons, helium might be available

*² CERN data taken from the HEARTS Proposal document

First Discussion:

How to make CERN and GSI dosimetry comparable?

- Selection of 1 or 2 certain irradiation cases (e.g. Fe-56 1 GeV/u squared field , 10x10 cm²)
 - Selection of the dosimetry detector setup (must be applicable at both facilities)
- Conduction of the test at both facilities (CERN & GSI)

Define a protocol (setup and test case) for GSI / CERN

- 1.) High intens scenario
- 2.) Low intens scenario

Note:

For raster scanning the monitor calibration is easier than for a broad beam. Even if we enlarge the field, the monitor calibration remains the same. Actually, for scanning we can enlarge the field in very well defined way.